

# War to the End Or 'Till William II Is Laid Low

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—I beg to enclose herewith an extract from a letter of M. Vandervelde, the well known Belgian socialist, to the German socialist Scheidemann.

Should you care to reproduce it in your newspaper, the views on the war of the Belgian workmen, expressed by their chief, who is at the same time President of the International Socialist Bureau, might prove of interest to your readers.

To-morrow being the National Day of the French Republic, will you allow me to express the hope that our next National Day will see safely and gloriously back to their native land the brave Newfoundland Volunteers, together with the certainty that, according to the expression used in M. Vandervelde's letter, German Caesarism will be ultimately vanquished through the coalition of all the forces in Europe.

Sincerely yours,

P. SUZOR,

French Consul,  
St. John's, July 13, 1915.

Extract from a Letter of M. Vandervelde to the German socialist Scheidemann.

You say, first of all, that if I had spoken at Paris before socialist workmen, the contradiction, and a very violent contradiction at that, would not perhaps have failed to become very apparent.

It seems to me as if I were dreaming when I read such things, for they show that you do not even suspect the existence of the formidable unanimity which exists in the French working classes as well as in the Belgian working classes against the responsible authors of this frightful war. Again you are astonished that I, a socialist, a pacifist and an internationalist, should be in favour of "war to the end."

These are not the words I made use of, but if by "war to the end" is meant war until William II is conquered as Napoleon III was conquered, then this expression is a faithful rendering of my thought. Besides, in thus expressing myself, I have only repeated what was said in the London resolution by all the socialists of the allied countries, including don't forget, MacDonald, Keir Hardie and the other delegates of the Independent Labour Party.

My attitude, nevertheless, makes an exceedingly painful impression on you "because Vandervelde is not only a member of the Belgian Government, but the President of the International Socialist Bureau."

Do you believe then, Scheidemann, that this title condemns me to remain impassible?

With the moral support of your vote in favour of the war credit, the Kaiser's armies, against all law, have violated Belgian neutrality, invaded, devastated, martyred my poor country. Our Houses of the People, at Taminas, at Andennes, at Louvain have been burnt. Our deputies, our communal mandatories, like the rest, have been taken as hostages. Thousands of workmen, driven from their homes, have been forced to take the road of exile. Our soldiers, poisoned by asphyxiating gases, are vomiting blood and are dying, after abominable sufferings, in the hospitals of Flanders. If my wife had returned from the United States fifteen days later she would have perished, treacherously killed, with the Lusitania. Everything I love suffers. Everything I hate strives to overwhelm us, and when I am with those who struggle, with those who suffer, with those who are dying, in this war which is for us Belgians, by your own avowal, a war of legitimate defence, my attitude makes

a painful impression on you? What must I think of yours?

But why then, it may be asked, do you preach "war to the end"? Why do you repel the advances of your comrades in Germany, why are you unwilling to work with them for a reconciliation, so that to a war as short as possible may succeed an enduring peace?

Why? Because we have to deal not with social democracy but with the kaiser and his armies.

Oh! I doubt not, I don't wish to doubt, if it was only a question of bringing about an understanding with you, German socialists, this understanding, in spite of our wrongs, would not be impossible.

But who does not perceive that, if peace had to be made at the present time, it would not be the socialists of Germany and Austria who would fix its conditions.

As long as Belgium and Poland are occupied and France invaded, as long as German Caesarism is not placed in the impossibility of doing further harm, peace would be, according to Guesde's saying, the most dangerous of truces, and I may add the most glaring injustice.

Some time ago, American pacifists asked one of the most respected men of the United States, the ex-president of Harvard University, Charles Elliott, to pray with them for peace. Elliott replied:

"I cannot conceive a greater catastrophe for humanity than peace in Europe at the present time. Those who pray for that assume a heavy responsibility. If peace was made to-day, Germany would be in possession of Belgium, and aggressive militarism would be victorious. It would be the triumph of those who have committed the greatest crime a nation can commit: the violation of the faith of treaties and of the holiness of contracts."

That is what impartial judges think, Scheidemann, men who love peace, but who do not want peace without justice.

How can we think otherwise, we the victims? We have been unjustly attacked. We are fighting desperately for our liberty and our national existence. It is not only our right. It is our duty, and a sacred duty. We will carry it out "to the end."

I shall perhaps see you again some day, Scheidemann, at the seat of the International, in our House of the People, where Haase and Jaures together signed our supreme appeal in favour of peace. But for that it will be necessary that your soldiers no longer forbid us access to it, that Belgium should be free, that reparation should be given her, and that through the coalition of all the forces of Europe, German Caesarism be vanquished.

## Should Have Been Ejected

Last night in one of our moving picture theatres some little addled, pated Percies and their lady (?) friends seemed to think that none but themselves were present and that the show was created for them alone. These, of course were the younger fry of our local "Gottrocks" and "Fawwads," and they evidently wanted all to know that "paw" was in "Canada" and that "maw's" reception was "bully don't yer know."

Their silly talk might have suited their own particular intellects which evidently were not of a high order, but when vociferated for the benefit of the whole audience created disgust and annoyance and as the scions of the "cultured" (?) leaders of society, a lecture on the proprieties would not be amiss for them and many whom they might disdain could give them points on decency and etiquette. Proprietors, when their patrons are annoyed by such folk should summarily eject them.—Com.

## SHIPPING

S.S. Argyle left Burin at 7.10 p.m. yesterday.

S.S. Clyde left Lewisporte today.

S.S. Dundee arrived at Blandford at 3.30 p.m. yesterday.

S.S. Ethie arrived at Carbonear at 6.20 p.m. yesterday.

S.S. Kyle left Basques at 10.25 last night.

S.S. Portia left Lamaline at 10 a.m. to-day going West.

S.S. Prospero sails for the Northward to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

The Pomeranian leaves Philadelphia for this port to-day.

Florizel is due to-day.

The Tabasco is due from Halifax to-day.

The schr. "Murial M. Young" reached Grand Bank yesterday and will load codfish from Patten & Forsey for Oporto.

Durango arrived at Liverpool Tuesday night.

The Neptune is moored for the summer at Job's South Side premises.

The "Virgin Belle" 14 days from Sydney via St. Pierre, with 80 tons of coal, arrived yesterday to Hynes & Co.

The Norwegian schooner "John," 24 days from Iceland, in ballast, for orders, is in port.

The schr. "Reinna," "Dreadnought," and "Passover" left Western Bay a few days ago for the Wolf Island, Labrador to prosecute the fishery.

The Earl of Devon left here yesterday for White Bay with a full freight and a couple of passengers.

S.S. Fogota sails to-morrow with a full freight and several passengers.

The Olinda left Barbados for here yesterday molasses laden to the Monroe Export Co.

The schr. J. N. Rafuse will sail to-morrow for Brazil fish laden by the Monroe Export Co.

The Meigie arrived at Humbermouth at 6.10 a.m. to-day. She reports that from Bonne Esperance to Blanc Sablon there is good fishing but East of Blanc Sablon not much doing.

The Reid Nfd. Co. had a wire yesterday from Capt. Parsons of the Sagona, saying that the ship had reached Turnavick Monday afternoon but was detained by fog. The message also said the ice was off the coast and that there was no sign of codfish.

S.S. Bruce left the dock pier at 11.30 today for a trial spin after being given a thorough overhaul on the dry dock. The representative of the Russian Government, one of the Messrs. Reid and a number of others went in the ship.

## Baseball Meeting

The Baseball League will meet to-night when they will arrange for the games to be played at Mount Cashel Garden Party, which will be three of five innings each and will be most interesting. The prize will be the handsome cup donated by Mr. H. D. Reid, and the preliminaries will take place Wednesday.

## A Patriotic Act

To-day the Crescent Theatre management are putting on an exceptionally interesting programme to cater to the many patrons of the place and also with a most worthy object in view. This is to help out the fund for the providing of an aeroplane for the British troops at the front.

The idea reflects credit on the proprietor, Mr. Park Laracy, and is a testimony to his sterling loyalty and patriotism. We bespeak for the Crescent this evening large audiences.

## Do It Now

What about that subscription which you told yourself you were going to give to the Flying Machine Fund. You are anxious to see the Mother Country win out, there is no question about that, well then put your desire into practical effect. Do it now. Don't wait till to-morrow. You will be just as busy to-morrow as to-day. Get the list closed before August fourth. Time is passing.

## Tailors Meeting

The eleventh annual meeting of the Journeymen Tailor's Union was held in the Mechanics' Hall last night, every member in the city being present. After the collection of dues and other routine business the election of officers for the ensuing year took place and resulted as follows:

President—M. Colbert, re-elected.  
Vice-Pres.—Jas Martin, re-elected.  
Treasurer—Robt. Colbert, re-elected.  
Fin. Secretary—M. J. Doyle, re-elected.

Sgt. at Arms—W. Courtney, elected.  
Conductor—E. Connelly, elected.  
Organizer—M. J. Doyle, elected.

After the officers were installed a vote of thanks was tendered the chairman, Bro. P. J. Hickey, and his assistants for the able manner in which they conducted the election. Also that a vote of thanks to the city press for many favorable notices during the year. Six members of the Union have gone to serve their King and Country with the Newfoundland Contingent. A fact which goes to prove that with the tailors, as with every other class of workers, the best men are to be found in the Union.

## Interesting Baseball Match Yesterday

Quite a number of interested spectators watched the baseball match between the B.I.S. and Wanderers yesterday. The Irish were badly defeated by a score of 31 to 15. The play was not particularly good, the rain in the fourth innings causing indifference in pitching and batting. Carew for the B.I.S. made his debut in the pitcher's box. The players were:

B.I.S.	Wanderers.
Carew	pitcher.
Ready	Brown
McGrath	1st base
French	Harnett
Barnes	2nd base
Campbell	3rd base
Doyle	Pritchard
Grace	s. stop
Finn	McLeod
Chesman	r. field
Outerbridge	c. field
Wanderers	O'Flaherty
B. I. S.	I. field
	McCrindle
	Umpires
	Montgomerie
	Collins

The score by innings was:

Wanderers... 0 0 4 6 4 6 1—31  
B. I. S. ... 0 0 5 1 0 7 0 2—15

## The Holiday

The half holiday of yesterday gave promise of being very fine and large numbers of people went to the suburbs picnicing. All were enjoying themselves when about 4 p.m. some heavy showers occurred and many received a bad wetting. One of the prettiest sights was the formation of a rainbow which extended from one end of the harbour to the harbor. The colouring was magnificent and many endured the rain to witness the magnificent spectacle.

## Fishery Report

Twillingate—Wind N.E. light; fish continues scarce; traps 1-4 to 1 barrel, few traps got 4 and 5 bris; hook and line nil.  
Catalina—Wind N.E.; no improvement in fishery; caplin plentiful.  
Hr. Grace—traps 1 to 4 qtls; plenty caplin; hook and line 1-4 qtl.  
Indian Hr.—Light Easterly wind and foggy; a sign of fish in traps.  
Holton—light S.E. wind, foggy weather; no fish.  
MacKovick—Light S.E. wind, cloudy, no fish.  
Grady—Light S.E. wind; a sign of fish.  
Dominey—Light S.E. wind, foggy; a good sign of fish.  
American Tickle—calm, dense fog; poor fishing.  
Venison Island—Light N.E. wind; a sign of fish and salmon.  
Battle Hr.—Calm, dense fog; a sign of fish and salmon.

## Patriotic Moulders

The twelve city moulders who offered their services some time ago to the British authorities for the manufacture of munitions as told by The Mail and Advocate, had news yesterday as to how they should proceed, from the Canadian Munitions Department. They were sent blanks to fill in their names, ages and other information, and these they are to send back to Ottawa, after which they are to go to work.

Among the twelve are two English chaps, and of course a ubiquitous son of the Emerald Isle.

The only use some men seem to have for heads is to butt in.

## LOCAL ITEMS

Wallace's Chocolates R most excellent.—ap12,tf

The excursion train to points as far as Kelligrews at 2.30 p.m. yesterday, took out 280 people who enjoyed the run very much.

Yesterday evening the detectives arrested two young lads who had a hand in a recent larceny, and others may be arrested later.

Venus and Velvet pencils will give you satisfaction.—ap12,tf

Mr. T. Moore, of the Reid Nfd. Co., accompanied by his sister, will leave here by Sunday's express for a holiday trip up-country.

The pupils attending the Christian Bros. classes at St. Patrick's Hall and Holy Cross received their mid-summer vacation yesterday.

Don't forget to ask your grocer about LaFrance & Satina Tablets.—ap12,tf

A woman named Mrs. Garland arrived here by the Shore train from Hr. Grace today, accompanied by her husband. She is dangerously ill and was taken to Hospital in the ambulance.

Several dances were held in the suburbs last night and were well attended, notably those at Messdames Jenkins and Eagan's in Freshwater. At the former excellent music was rendered by Mr. T. English, an expert performer with the flute.

Ask your dealer for Wallace's Souvenir box chocolates. Three pictures of 1st Nfd. Contingent on cover—quality "Most excellent."—ap12,tf

The names of the two children drowned at Little River under tragic circumstances Friday last was Crabbe. They were inadvertently omitted from our reference to the affair yesterday. The family resides about a mile West of Little River Bridge.

The Bowling Park swimming pool is being well patronized of late, bathing suits are provided free of charge and hundreds go there daily for a bath. Girls can use the pool till 11 a.m. and the boys can swim there in the afternoon. It is a splendid place for boys to learn to swim and as it is properly supervised and is perfectly safe as far as depth of water is concerned, none need hesitate in allowing their children to go there.

Venus Drawing pencils are perfect.—ap12,tf

## Volunteers

The following enlisted yesterday, bringing the total of volunteers to date to 2052. The men yesterday were put through the various drills and squads which went to the Southside Range did good work with the rifle. Philip Gillet, Exploits, Gordon Luff, Exploits, George Ricketts, Middle Arm.

LEAGUE FOOTBALL—St George's Field, C.E.I. vs. Saints, 7 p.m. Admission 5 cents; ladies free; Grand Stand 5 cents extra.

## "Erik" Coming South

Capt. Burgess of the "Erik" wired the following to the Reid Nfd. Co. last evening: "Arrived at Domino this a.m., returning South; called at all ports North to Turnavick; no ice on coast; N.E. gale; delayed by fog."

Arrived to-day by the S.S. Florizel: 40 bunches Bananas, 20 cases Cal. Plums, Blue and Red; 10 cases Tomatoes, 10 cases Cal. Grapes, 20 cases Cal. Oranges, different sizes; 5 cases Water Melon, 2 baskets Cucumbers, Wholesale and Retail. GLEESON'S, 108 Water St. E. Picnic Baskets a specialty. jy14,tf

## Police Court

Before Mr. Morris, K.C.  
Joby Dwyer was convicted of the larceny of a plug from the refrigerating plant of Campbell McKay's and was sentenced to thirty days.

Two drunks were discharged. Albert Adey, Clarendville, was arrested under warrant yesterday. He is charged with the larceny of \$85, and with breaking and entering the Post Office at Clarendville on the night of Feb. 23rd.

A few years ago married women felt sorry for spinsters.

## The "Stella Maris"

Yesterday afternoon a trial of refloating the submerged "Stella Maris" was made. All the pumps were set going and for more than an hour worked well; but when all the water had been pumped out of the coffer dam the pressure was too much for it and the work ceased for the present.

The effort, though not successful, does not however point to failure for the enterprise but will be the means of enabling the divers to repair defects in the dam and it is hoped that when another effort is made the hull will be brought to the surface without difficulty.

## OUR THEATRES

### Nickel's Interesting Programme

To-day a most interesting feature of the Nickel's programme will be the eighth episode of "The Million Dollar Mystery." This is a very exciting chapter and will prove interesting to all. Another great story to-day is "The Wives of a Woman." This picture is wonderful, thrilling and sensational. Be sure and see it. The other pictures will be good. Forbes Law Duguid will sing the beautiful song, "I Love You," by Sebeski.

Friday there will be another episode of "The Hazards of Helen."

The Nickel is cool, well ventilated and very pleasant even on the warmest evening. Go early and enjoy the show.

### The Crescent Theatre

The Crescent Theatre is to the fore to-day with a big and varied bill which opens with a side splitting comic picture—"Grand Opera in Reubenville."

"The Case of the Vanished Bonds" is a thrilling detective story adapted from "Below the Dead Line," which none can afford to miss.

"Father's Timepiece" is another comedy which will keep you in good humour, while the other pictures with the songs and instrumental music make up a first class presentation.

This popular theatre will give half of to-day's gross proceeds to the Aeroplane Fund. Go to-day and help swell the fund.

### "Ours" in the West End

There is a capital programme at the popular little house in the West End. "Billy" is just a scream from start to finish. "Everybody's Doing It" will make all laugh.

The two little singers will be heard in new song to-night. There is always a good show to please all patrons at the cosy little house.

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