



## Evening Telegram

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### FOILED!

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries has been foiled again. The attempt of Honorable William Ford Coaker to usurp the prerogatives of the Legislature has ended in failure and condemnation and the dictator finds himself in a most ridiculous position, for he cannot in any way retrieve the recent blow administered to his self-pride by the Supreme Court. There was no power vested in the Minister of Marine and Fisheries to issue permits for the export of codfish, and therefore the whole of the regulations as promulgated were illegal, and shippers who were held up most certainly have the right to expect and sue for compensation for any losses incurred arising out of nonfulfilment of contract, because of the autocratic and unprecedented order in council of the Government.

But any return of losses to shippers will not be participated in by the tradesmen and fish handlers who have suffered so severely in curtailment of earning power because of the regulations themselves, neither will the Government, philanthropic as it claims to be, make good the shortage to the men who suffered principally and were the hardest hit by the bulk export ukase of the Fisheries Minister. There will be no opportunity given these men of recouping themselves for lost pay, and thus has another thrust been directed at the very vitals of the people of St. John's West, the thrust being delivered by no less a person than the Prime Minister, the chosen representative of the district, at the instigation of his master. That was how high a regard Mr. Squires had for the Premier district of St. John's West, which elected him at the head of the poll in November last. Truly a jelly fish Prime Minister indeed, and one of whom the voters have now taken the correct measure, which in return will be meted out to him in like quantity on January 22nd.

The pronouncement of the Supreme Court will be received with great satisfaction in the central outports where a big exporting trade is carried on, particularly on the South Coast where all the year round the fishing industry never ceases, and cargoes are being continuously sent to market. The continuance in force of the cancelled obnoxious and detrimental regulations would have ruined completely the foreign market connections of Marytown, Burin, Fortune, Grand Bank, Belleoram, Harbor Breton, Gaultois, Rencontre, Burgeo and Rose Blanche, yet all these towns voted solidly for Squires candidates in the full knowledge that Coaker was the king pin of the political wagon, and out of gratitude for the return of his candidates, Mr. Squires, with all his knowledge of legal lore, permitted his Minister of Marine and Fisheries to carry out a Mad Mullah policy of destruction.

But the worst is yet to come. Yesterday's Advocate is the authority for an official pronouncement to the effect that the Government is determined to enforce the Regulations, the Supreme Court to the contrary notwithstanding, and the War Measures Act will be the authority for so doing. This is the threat of the Master of the Administration, and the Prime Minister will perforce have to fall in line and sanction a fresh attempt to throttle the freemen of St. John's. Apparently the Minister of Marine and Fisheries is prepared to pursue to the end his crazy course and determines to thrust down the throats of Newfoundlanders his ruinous policy. Once embarked on the sea of ambition, Mr. Coaker is prepared to wreck the commerce of the whole dominion at the behest of the Hawes-Water Street ring of Tory manipulators. The men of St. John's West can frustrate, if not actually prevent this new plot, which has for its object the making of grass to grow in the streets of the city, by standing shoulder to shoulder on Monday fortnight and voting solidly and overwhelmingly for MARTIN and LINEGAR, the candidates of progress, against Squires and Brownrigg, the representatives of Stagnation and Oppression.

### Coaker's Fish Policy

The Tory Government has "sown the wind" in their mad fish exporting policy, and there are signs coming across the Atlantic already that they may have to "reap the whirlwind." There are cables in from Spain saying that the fish men there have stopped buying, and cables from Italy and Greece to the effect that since they have learned of the new Newfoundland regulations, they have refused to buy our fish at all. The "Buchanan's" cargo or part cargo that went up to Italy, it is said, is so far held up, and no one will touch it.

Any man with ordinary sense would know that the fish importers in Southern Europe would at once set about to retaliate, as far as lay in their power, as soon as they became cognizant of what had been done by the Newfoundland Government, especially when they found out—as no doubt they did—that the Combine was composed of only about half the fish exporters of St. John's, and only one of the score of exporters or more, who ship fish to them direct from the outports. Now this thing has reached a stage where we think it is too serious for anyone to make politics of, and we now suggest to the Government that they at once call a meeting of all the fish exporters in Newfoundland, combine and non-combine, and see if the regulations can not—for this year at least—be eased off in such a way as to remove the bitter antagonism that is growing stronger every day against us in the foreign fish markets.

Killing trade in St. John's is bad enough, but as the situation is developing now the Government, owing to Hon. W. F. Coaker's bull-headed obstinacy, is running a risk of having all Newfoundland codfish boycotted in the European markets. It was too big a fight for a small country like ours to take up with any hope of carrying it out with success. The Tory Government is certainly lamentably lacking in men of experience, men with level heads on their shoulders; otherwise they would not have sprung these fish-exporting regulations so suddenly on the country, and started off to fight the whole world, as if we were the only country that had fish to offer Spain, Italy and Greece. The opposition on the part of the small exporters there was one, maybe, that Mr. Coaker and his Advisory Board could afford to treat with contempt. They evidently did not

# The Boomerang!

Spanish Fish Merchants to Ask Their Government to Prohibit Exportation of Salt to Newfoundland and to Increase Import Duties on Newfoundland Fish Products.

Senor Dominguez, the St. John's Agent of Messrs. Lazo and Company, Fish Merchants of Seville, Spain, is in receipt of a cable message from his principals which reads:—

"All Fish Merchants in Spain and the Board of Trade and Commerce at Madrid have cabled to the Governor of Newfoundland, Sir Charles Harris, protesting against the Fishery Export Regulations now being enforced in that Dominion, and requesting the withdrawal and cancellation of same. Should this not be done and these injurious Regulations continued, the Spanish Government will be asked to prohibit the sale and exportation of salt from Spain to Newfoundland, and also to increase the present import duty on all fishery products entering Spain from Newfoundland."

It would be superfluous to offer any comment on the above communication. In plain language a discrimination against Newfoundland is threatened. In other words the "bluff" of the ring has been called, and the Coaker-Squires-Tory Export Regulations if persisted in are indubitably going to severely injure and hamper the principal industry of the Colony. The threat to refuse to supply Newfoundland with salt is no idle one, for Spain can make this good. Let the more serious minded members of the Government consider this and refuse longer to agree to the light-headed policy of cutting off the nose to spite the face.

reckon on another factor the influence of which cannot be brushed aside so easily, and which is now getting in its work, viz., the Fish Brokers in England and the United States. These are men not to be trifled with as was evidenced in the action of Messrs. Smith & Shipman, of New York, who brought their case into the Supreme Court here this week and knocked the wind out of Coaker's and Hawes' fish regulations.

The public breathed a sigh of relief when the news went forth that Mr. Shipman had gained his case and was enabled to ship his fish. It means that Mr. Coaker can't run the whole country just yet. It is to be presumed that all the small shippers will now be able to export their fish, and that Coaker's proclamation is null and void in the eyes of the law. But the mischief that has been done will remain. The antagonism of the foreign buyers of our fish has been aroused, and a black mark is set against Newfoundland exporters of fish. The depression caused in St. John's cannot be retrieved neither can the losses to the many small exporters who were shut out from doing business the past two months. St. John's West was particularly affected by Coaker's fish laws, and the coopers and laborers have been deprived of thousands of dollars, and Squires and Brownrigg, whether they favored what Coaker did or not, will be made pay the penalty on Polling Day.

Men who would like Good Shoes at small prices should see the Emerson Shoes at sale prices in BISHOP'S New Shoe Store. Six dollars per pair, underpriced, and wise men are buying more than one pair.

MAGISTERIAL ENQUIRY.—In the magisterial enquiry, into the death of the Norwegian seaman at the Greenfell Institute, yesterday, the evidence of Dr. Fallon, Prof. Davies, Mr. Jones and M. Wadden was taken.

### Peace Treaty Ratified.

The Governor has received the following telegram from the Secretary of State which is sent to the press for publication:

London, 10th January, 1920.  
To Governor, St. John's.  
With reference to my telegram of 3rd January, Treaty with Germany. Process verbal of deposit of ratification will be signed four o'clock to-day.  
Secretary of State for Colonies.

### Re-Establishment Meeting.

A special meeting of the Civil Re-Establishment Committee was held yesterday afternoon. Hon. Justice Kent the President, being detained at the Court, Mr. H. E. Cowan, presided. Eleven applications for courses in re-training were granted and several were deferred for investigation. Reports were presented showing that 18 men had received employment since the New Year and that 97 were still without work. It is likely that an experienced assistant will be procured from Canada to train men confined to their beds in hospitals and elsewhere, in occupational work. The Government will be again written to, with regard to giving preference to returned veterans in the case of vacancies in the civil service. Reports from the Vocational Officer on the matter of an inland settlement scheme for the returned men, and also on the facilities in Canada for special training will be considered at a special meeting to be held next week. At the meeting the following members were present: Lieut.-Col. G. T. Curty, Dr. W. W. Blackall, Vocational Officer; Rev. Dr. Levi Curtis, Dr. V. P. Burke, Major W. H. Parsons, M.C.; Major J. W. March, Capt. G. Byrne, M.C., Secretary; Capt. Leo Murphy and Capt. J. B. O'Reilly. Adjournment was made at 6.15 p.m.

### Independent for West End.

Mr. William Wyatt, Sr., of 13 Monroe Street, has stated his intention to stand in the West End bye-election as an independent candidate. His statement makes it clear that he does not wish to be paid for his services—accepting travelling expenses, of course. He is deeply interested in the affairs of the country and, as he says, "because his wife has lots of this world's goods he need not worry on that score." In addition to this he is looking up a fortune left him by some English ancestor, and Lord Morris is attending to his affairs in Great Britain. Although Mr. Wyatt claims to be an independent candidate he has expressed his friendship for Hon. R. A. Squires, and the electors of St. John's West should beware lest this "independent" is but an extra candidate for the Squires party. Hon. R. A. Squires is going to desperate lengths to win in the bye-election and he certainly would not hesitate to adopt such tactics.

### Portia's Stormy Trip.

S. S. Portia, Capt. T. Connors, arrived in port yesterday morning after one of the stormiest trips in the experience of those on board. The Portia was to have called at Curling on the outward trip but owing to ice and snow furies it was found impossible to make harbor. On the return trip the ship was held up for two days at St. Jacques awaiting a chance to make Grand Bank. The round trip occupied 17 days and considering the delays caused by ice and storms was not bad. A large number of passengers and a small quantity of freight was brought along.

### "Devon" in Port.

S. S. Earl of Devon arrived in port last evening, having been unable to get further north than Cape John. The Devon was ice-bound at Greenspond for several days. Since the Devon left this port she encountered a succession of storms. It is probable she will lay up here for the winter.

### McMurdo's Store News.

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### S. S. Home Arrives.

The S. S. Home, Capt. Harbin, arrived in port last evening. The Home has finished her service on the Lewisporte-Port Union route and while at Lewisporte had a trying time keeping a channel clear for a coal steamer.

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## New Books

Deadham Hard—By Lucas Malet, author of Sir Richard Colmady.  
The Great House—By Stanley J. Weyman.  
Great Heart—By Ethel M. Dell.  
Miss Fingue—By Mrs. W. K. Clifford.  
The Young Visitors—By Duesy Ashford.  
Burned Bridges—By Bertrand W. Sinclair.  
Sherry—By George Barr McCutcheon.  
The Secret of the Tower—By Anthony Hope.  
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