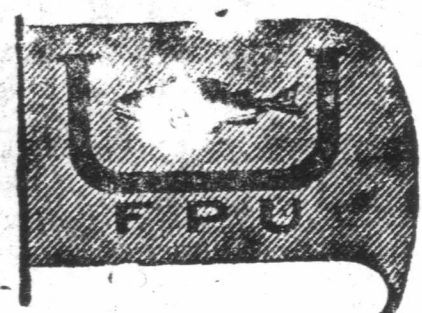


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THE COAL CRISIS

THERE has been no eagerness shown by the Coal Barons to accept the decision of the meeting of the rulers of the land, rendered on Wednesday. There must be no weakness shown by the Premier. The Coal Barons should be told plainly that the decision of the conference must be strictly observed or the whole of the coal stored will be commandeered and paid for at the rate of \$6.70 per ton—the cost of the coal shedded—and in that case the 6000 tons to arrive will be sold at \$8.50 by a committee appointed by the Government and one of the coal premises taken possession of in order to handle the coal.

Is Alex. Harvey to run this country on behalf of commercial sharks, or are the Colony's affairs to be directed by the elected representatives of the people?

Surely the Government won't tolerate a robbery of \$2.80 per ton on 3000 tons of coal because the parties to the crime are two autocratic Coal Barons!

Unless this business is finalized by Monday Midday, in accordance with the Decision of Wednesday's Conference, we will in our issue of MONDAY NAME THE DATE AND PLACE for a MASS MEETING of the People of St. John's; and if that Meeting takes place, EVERY ton of coal in the city will have to be sold at \$7.40—the net price it cost to deliver, the sixty cents reduction being the Coal Barons' admitted profits.

What will it be? Let Monday decide it—if the decision is not made before.

The Government, we presume, have closed for the steamer offered at \$17,000 per month, which ship will carry 2300 tons. If such has been done, the future supply will entail no worry, as that steamer can make three trips in a month, bringing 7000 tons, which will cost about \$2.50 per ton freight; consequently the city can secure its winter and spring supply of coal irrespective of what position the Coal Barons assume. There must be no further delay, or any weakness shown in dealing with the Coal Barons. The matter is for the Government to settle and not the Coal Barons.

The Opposition Leaders have given their support to the decision and intend to see it enforced.

PROHIBITION

WE repeat our assertion of yesterday in reference to the move made by the liquor interests and trust the Prohibition Committee will take no further notice of any of the proceedings before the Court. The whole affair is a plot to undo the verdict rendered at the polls on the 4th of November.

There should be no delay in having the Court's decision rendered. There has been ample time allowed for the Court's decision and there is but one outcome possible, and that is for the Govern-

ment to pass the measure should the Court delay its decision or if when rendered, it is unfavorable.

We trust the Court will at once give the matter attention and dispose of the issue, for the people are not disposed to have this matter agitating the public mind all the winter.

We believe the country generally considers Judge Johnson's ruling re a count for the whole Colony, unfavorably, and if persisted in there should be a pronouncement by the Premier affirming the Government's intention to supply the necessary legislation to bring the measure into effect.

ENGLAND'S WAY

ENGLAND in matters of finance, says the New York Times, is the world's pattern and model. Its method of finance cannot be misunderstood by any, except, of course by the Germans. Nothing is hidden; nothing managed by trick or device. Business is as usual; and the creditor gets cash on account or something equivalent. Taxes and obligations are paid promptly; thrift and economy are everywhere in evidence; and Britishers are spending their capital freely.

The world has never seen such a stability of wealth, and has hardly ever seen such an exhibition of character.

We would call the attention of our pugilistic and enigmatic Finance Minister to these little items, and we would ask him to get a penny primer on finance, or ask Patsy McGrath to coach him in the "higher branches" of this much neglected science. Patsy has gathered in, they say, seventy or eighty thousand off the printing business in consideration of services performed by a flimsy sheet which has a very small circulation.

The Minister would then be able, likely, to offer a decent Budget Speech to the Assembly when it convenes. It would perhaps be at least intelligible. It has not been so in the past; and we have never met anybody who understood it.

Mr. Minister should have no difficulty in getting a job as a juggler with some of our vaudeville companies. He should prove a drawing card, and would doubtless make even Herman look like a twenty-cent piece with a hole in it.

By the way, we would like to know why the financial statistics published in the Newfoundland Year Book have been shorn of such interesting data as the "Public Debt of Chief Countries of the World"? Is Mr. Cashin so ashamed of his career of extravagance that he fears to make public the fact that we are now burdened with a per capita debt of nearly ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY DOLLARS? Or is he afraid to make it known that since the Morris boodlers became the dominant party that our public debt has been increased by nearly TEN MILLIONS?

If we are to keep afloat for another year, E.P. will have to make another jaunt to—possibly the United States—in order to raise the wind (we need about TWO MILLIONS to keep the Government pot boiling). Should our self-sacrificing Premier condescend to make this fatiguing and comfortless journey (in the Terra Nova, or some other private car) he will have to hustle in the American money markets to raise the stuff, and he will have to make a more attractive offer than he is entitled to do by Legislative enactment. Should he succeed at all, we shall likely get a short loan at about 5½ or 6%, and this, with the commission, means that we shall get 87 dollars for each \$100 bond of the Newfoundland Government! Whither are we tending, Edward? You should know; and the wreck now visible is your own handiwork, aided and abetted by an impecunious gang of followers.

CONCERT AT GRATE'S COVE

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir,—A concert was held here on January 3rd. A splendid programme was prepared by Mr. J. Stransford, Mr. W. J. Meadus was Chairman. I want to congratulate Miss M. Benson, Miss Ida Emberley, Miss M. J. Avery and Mr. J. Stransford for the delightful dialogue. The singing was splendid. The band rendered several selections. After the concert closed the young people enjoyed the remainder of the night in games.

—J. S...
Grate's Cove, Jan. 3, '16.

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ABOUT RIGHT

MR. ROOSEVELT hates and despises Mr. Wilson more than he does any other man in public life. But this does not mean that, if he tried, the Colonel could not hate and despise somebody worse than he does Mr. Wilson. To say otherwise would be to reflect on the Colonel's versatility and power of emotional concentration.

This is the latest explanation of the famous Gary dinner, and a luncheon that took place, about the same time. At these functions Mr. Roosevelt let it be known that if the Republicans try to nominate a candidate who is weak on Americanism, meaning preparedness, Mr. Roosevelt will throw his support to Wilson. This is consistent and adequate preparedness. It is preparedness against any possible adversary, Wilson, or whoever is the greater traitor nominated by either party on the un-American platform of disagreeing with Mr. Roosevelt.

Believing heart and soul in preparedness, the Colonel has prepared a hymn of hate which may be discharged in any direction, like the guns of the Queen Elizabeth: Hate of the mind and hate of the spleen.

Hate of the stout and hate of the lean,

Whom will I hate in June, '16?

Wilson!

Burton! (As the case may be.)

Root!

McCall!

—The Nation.

TEUTONIC INVASION

WHAT seems like a Teutonic invasion of the United States has been in progress for a long period, says a recent writer in The Outlook; and this statement is confirmed by the events of the past week and our own investigations. There is sufficient evidence of this invasion to make morally certain the guilt of agents of Germany and Austria, but as to whether or not there is legal evidence to convict them of crime there is a difference of opinion, even among the law officers of the United States. On this question of evidence the Department of Justice is taking a position of extreme caution that amounts to passivity, if not timidity, while the foreign influence is bold and aggressive.

The violation of the neutrality of the United States by foreign diplomatic agents is not a question to be determined by legal evidence, but enough has been already shown to constitute at least *persona non grata*. More than that, there is evidence before the people of the existence of a criminal conspiracy by agents of the Teutonic Powers against the commerce of the United States and the safety of the American people.

The question whether any of these agents are guilty of crime is to be determined only by legal evidence. If such evidence has already been secured, it is the duty of the Government to make use of it in bringing the offenders to justice. If there is no such evidence in the possession of the Government it is the duty of the Government to take immediate steps to secure it.

People are wondering what the President will do in the Austrian embroglio. Will he allow it to rest in oblivion like the Arabic and other incidents, or will he have the courage to insist on Austria's making the *amende honorable*?

"It is all about the Trojan war?"
"It is," replied the professor.
"Well, somebody was a wonder to get all that past the censor!"
Washington Star.

OPPORTUNITY

THEY do we wrong who say I come no more

When once I knock and fail to find you in:

For every day I stand outside your door,

And bid you wake and rise to fight and win,

Wait not for precious chances pass away,

Weep not for golden ages on the wane;

Each night I burn the records of the day,

At sunrise every soul is born again.

Laugh like a boy at splendors that have sped,

To vanished joys be blind and deaf and dumb;

By judgment seal the dead past with the dead,

But never bind a moment yet to come.

Thou deep in mire, wring not your hands and weep.

I lend my arm to all who say: "I can";

No shamefaced outcast ever sank so deep

But he might rise again and be a nam.

—I. Malone.

THE HARVEST OF THE SEA

INTERESTING AND USEFUL TO THE FISHERMEN—OF THE COLONY—

OUR SLEEPY DEPARTMENT OF MARINE AND FISHERIES

WE have several times discussed this effete institution; and we shall keep at it until we bring to the notice of the Government the absolute importance of doing something for the fishermen. We have been told repeatedly by the Government organs, that "great" (small "g") are about to be done for the benefit of the fishermen, what we want is not the use of the future tense; we want the present: "Do it now." We can get lessons from the countries which are interested in fishing. We can get them from England, Scotland, Norway, Holland, even from Ireland. But we need not go so far afield. We believe that were our Government anxious to develop our fisheries we might secure the services of, say such a man as Professor Prince—the Dominion Commissioner of Fisheries. We have been throwing away thousands in such useless things as Professor Dunstan's holiday excursion to our coal fields. Who has ever heard anything of this since this learned expert was in our midst. Of course we heard the Report in the House of Assembly, and we paid his bill, that and nothing more.

During the season of 1914-15 the Dominion spent One Million Three Hundred and Five Thousand, Seven Hundred and Seventy-Six Dollars in its Department of Fisheries. We frittered away a few thousand on excursions for officials, river wardens, and some other items. We spent ten times as much for the past four years for "Agricultural purposes," and yet, we read recently in an evening contemporary that "for the last decennial period we have made no appreciable progress in agriculture." This is truly extraordinary; but yet, it is not wonderful, as the Administration should provide for such specialists as Mr. Downey and Mr. Devereaux!

The work of the Department of Fisheries in the Dominion is devoted to the following:—

1. Bounties to fishermen on the

Atlantic Coast. These bounties as we have already stated represent the interest on the sum received from the United States (Halifax Fishery Award, November 23rd, 1877.)

2. Close seasons during which spawning fish, etc., are protected.

3. The maintenance of a system of leases and licenses.

4. Fish-culture establishment, protection of spawning grounds, immature fish, etc.

5. Fisheries Intelligence Bureau commenced in 1889 for reporting by telegraph the movements of important fish in the sea, and the state of bait supplies at the principal fishing stations.

6. The instruction of fishermen in the best methods of curing and packing herring, as well as improving the herring fishery methods and the construction of superior fishing barrels.

7. The establishment of fish oil and fertilizer works for the purpose of especially using dog-fish. Three large reduction plants have been erected, and something has been done to exterminate the dog-fish pest.

8. Fishery research stations, called the Biological Stations of Canada. A staff of pisciculturists to carry on researches in these stations, and the results are published under the direction of the Department. The Staff have already reported on such matters as:

"The Use of Various Kinds of Bait, Frozen and Fresh"; "Food of Fishes in the Sea"; "The Effect of Explosives on Schools of Fish"; "The Life History of Various Fishes."

It is time that we laid aside our swaddling clothes and donned a more suitable garb.

GLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS

January 8th

DROWNED at New York, Peter

Palmer Rogers (brother Hon. J. J. Rogerson, 1847).

Red River Insurrection broke out, 1870.

David Sinnott, grocer, died, 1880.

"Our Regiment" performed in St. Patrick's Hall, by St. John's B.I.S. Dramatic Company, 1892.

January 9th Sunday

Trinity College, Dublin, opened, 1894.

Sir F. B. T. Carter admitted to Bar, 1838.

Napoleon the Third died, 1873.

Judge Hayward admitted to Bar, 1838.

Attempt to have only English-born presidents of St. George's Society, defeated, 1861.

King Victor Emmanuel died, 1878.

Champion skating 3-mile race in City-Rink, won by C. Hayward; time 10.50, 1891.

Mr. Elson and Mr. J. Stephens admitted to Bar, 1838.

"Madame, could you gimme any old clothes? I'm looking for work."

"I haven't any old clothes, but here is something that may be useful to assist you in looking for work."

"What is that, mum?"

"A pair of opera glasses."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

NOTICE

ALL Trinity District Assessments for the District Council should be sent to the Treasurer, MR. GEORGE FOWLOW, of Phillip, Trinity East.

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A. MORGAN,
Chairman.

Notice!

THE Fourth Annual Meeting of Port-de-Grave District Council will be held on the AFTERNOON of MONDAY, the 17th instant, at 2.30 p.m., at Brigus. All Local Councils will please send Delegates and prepare any resolutions to be submitted to the Meeting or the Convention which meets at Bay Roberts the following day.

GEO. GRIMES,
Dis. Chairman.

Notice!

THE Fourth Annual Meeting of Bay-Verde District Council of the F.P.U. will be held at JOB'S COVE on the 18th instant, after the arrival of the train from Carbonear. All Councils will please send Delegates and prepare any resolutions to be submitted to the meeting.

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