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The Menace of Coakerism.

Organized Disorder Rampant---Bolshevik Means for Bolshevik Ends.

No district should be blamed as a whole for the misconduct of a part. No part should be blamed as a whole for the misconduct of a few individuals. Bonavista district ought not to be censured for rowdyism in Valleyfield, nor that place for blackguardism by a few creatures of the baser sort. There is no finer district in the Colony nor better people anywhere than in Valleyfield, yet there, as in many other places, there are rowdies whose conduct reflects upon innocent people. The average reader is not always discriminating, and might be inclined to blame the district, the place, or at least the people of the place, for the interruptions which disturbed the meeting the Bennett candidates tried to hold at Valleyfield on Monday night, but it would be quite unfair to do so, for the disorder was entirely created by Coakerites organized and inspired for that purpose, and the Christian people of Valleyfield are blameless as a body for the savage conduct of the few poor guilty tools.

Lest it should be supposed we speak without proof when we say the discreditable conduct at Valleyfield was organized, we draw attention to the report in the Advocate yesterday. It says: "The reception was Valleyfield's answer to Greenspond. The audience refused to permit either candidate to say anything, and kept up a constant roar of cheers for Coaker. Monroe will be up against it in many places. The same treatment was accorded at Cape Freels. His tour will be anything but a bed of roses." The threat, the alleged reason, and the fact of organized disturbance are there portrayed, naked and unashamed, with but a thinly disguised satisfaction.

Messrs. Monroe and Little were notified days in advance that they would be prevented from speaking at Valleyfield, but courageously and strategically gave the blackguards the opportunity to demonstrate F. P. U. Tactics. Similar opportunities will again be offered, and similar uncivilized misconduct will occur until it has entered the brain of the Chief Conspirator against public order that not so can he bludgeon and bully public sentiment. In 1919, Coakerites at Valleyfield, Happy Adventure and Bonavista were guilty of exactly the same discreditable misconduct, not spontaneously, but as a matter of deliberate organization, and every such demonstration was boasted of by their organ, the Advocate, as though it were an honor confererd on the society guilty of it.

Prior to the entry of Coakerism into Bonavista Bay, there were many hot political fights, but never, we believe, was cause given to any candidate to complain of discourtesy, or of refusal of a polite and intelligent hearing. The people came from good old liberty loving stock. They cherished, exercised and conceded to others the right of British free speech. Their convictions were based on reason, and they did not fear discussion, but hailed it with joy. But now an organized minority, composed in the main of shareholders in Coaker's wildcat schemes, act as though dead to shame, as though obsessed with a fear that if they listen they will be convinced of the error of their ways. No longer do they act as free men willing to concede liberty to others, but as demagogues ready to deny ordinary British liberties to opponents. This devilish spirit has entered into these misguided people side by side with a desperate fear that their schemes are in danger of defeat, and a determination to avoid it by bullying and bludgeoning the rest of the people into paying the loss. Coakerism is determined to win at any cost, and descends to Bolshevik means for Bolshevik ends. Will not the intelligence, the respectability, the Christianity of the country arouse itself to the Menace of Coakerism and cast it off while there is yet time?

Control Bought, Not Sold.

The Mail quotes the Bennett Manifesto as saying that the Reids had sold their forest areas to the Armstrongs, and the Telegram as denying the Mail's assertion that the Armstrongs had bought the Reids "out of control", and it professes to see therein a complete contradiction between the Manifesto and us.

"The Reids sell out" referred to their forest areas, whereas the "control" referred to meant a share in the management of the Humber company. The areas and water powers were sold to the Armstrongs, and have been paid for, in part, by common stock in the company, which enables the Reids to share in the control. Instead of selling control, the Reids have bought it, with their lands and properties. The Mail should buy a handy volume on company promotion, and seriously study the subject.

The Reids will share control with the Armstrongs, and it does not follow by any means that this of itself will be any injury to the Humber scheme. Why should the Armstrongs be considered preferable to the Reids? They have no interest whatever in this country, outside their possible profits in selling machinery for the Humber project, or as joint promoters of the scheme. They, apparently, have not put a dollar of their own in the project. Nor has anybody else, except the Reids, who have put it into their properties on the Humber. The Armstrongs are not papermakers. Their subsidiary enterprise in Canada has not fared well, we think. Beyond the use which is made of their name to advertise the Humber project for Squires-Coaker electioneering purposes, the Armstrongs are putting nothing into the project which can be demonstrated as valuable.

Political Paragraphs.

Twillingate District is making no noise, but look out for a surprise on May the 3rd.

It will be another "Spring of the Green B" so famous in our past sealing history.

In order to give some encouragement to the "Dogfish" we concede that after all the frosty weather this winter "the Rivers are solid for Downey," but McDonnell will get the votes when the thaw comes.

Coaker would serve the S.S. "Earl of Devon" like he served the Newfoundland ship of State the past three years, wreck her and set her adrift to go on the rocks.

A vote for Squires, remember men, is a vote for Coaker and such a vote means the enforcement of the Fish Regulations under a new name.

A vote for Coaker means the sale of the Labrador to Canada and our own fishermen merely allowed to fish there on suffrance subject to annoying Canadian laws.

A vote for this Government means more unemployment, more emigration, more graft and waste and general depression and stagnation of trade.

The sea dogfish destroyed the codfishery in one way and the land dogfish in another. The dogfish is the fishermen's pest. Turn out the "Dogfish" party on May the 3rd.

A wounded invalid soldier who came out of Hospital recently had one dollar a day deducted from his pension for the time he was there. How the Government loves the men of the G.W.V.A.

Before getting the "grand bounce" on May 3rd would Premier Squires kindly leave on his desk the address of those American Detectives he invited here in 1919 to put the Cashin Executive in jail. We assure him it will be very handy?

In order to have any chance of being elected Squires should become a candidate in all the Districts. After such a miserable record the past three years he should not complain that the people want to get rid of him.

It is quite evident that Harbor Grace does not want him. They know him too well and they would not believe a word that he says in his political promises. His Manifesto was carried out exactly as they expected.

The Humber Deal is like the famous "Riddle of the Sphinx." Everybody knows there is such a thing, but nobody knows what it is. Some clubfoot man may come along and guess what it is bye and bye.

The only qualification that the "Dogfish" Government will have on giving up the keys of their offices in May is that they are leaving not a dollar in the Treasury for the incoming Government.

Mr. Jennings, we hear, has "got in out of the wet." He is not ambitious, we must admit, when he accepted a job as assistant to Mr. Bartlett in the Board of Health Dept. A new office was created which was not necessary and will be abolished by the retrenchment policy of the Bennett Government. Mr. Jennings will help Mr. Bartlett to help cabmen to help patients to get to the General Hospital. Lord help us! it's awful!

There are so many people saying that Long, Ayre, Peters, Stone, Bradley, Monroe and Winsor are going to be elected that it seems to be a want of good sense and judgment to doubt it. For our own part we believe if the tide is going that way that Monroe, Ayre and Stone will make a clean sweep and bring in three men each.

It is inconceivable that people all over the country who are suffering so much from the hard times will vote for a return of this Government, and there are not enough of "Sink or swim" Union men and recipients of money wads from the groaning taxpayers to elect a Government even if they all combined to do so so which they will not givings out of money at the 11th hour never brought back a Government yet in this country.

No, Squires can't come back a winner. He knows he can't. He is into the fight now and he has to put up the best bluff he can to his deluded supporters. His record the past three years is too bad to warrant the hope that the people will let him inflict four years more of ruin, poverty and semi-starvation on them. He must give place to BENNETT AND BETTER TIMES.

The latest in Teapots can be had at STEELE'S wit..out a Bib.
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The Fake Charmer

Squires destructive policies caused the Serpent of Unemployment to ravage the land.
Now he tries to charm it away with fake promises, but his music won't work.
The harm is done and Bennett is the man to undo it and give us back prosperity again.
VOTE FOR BENNETT AND BETTER TIMES.

From the Battle Front.

(By mail, wire and wireless.)

Stone Bradley and Hodder Winning Team.

Ireland's Eye, via British Hr. April 18th—The winning team, Stone, Bradley and Hodder, held a very enthusiastic meeting here last night. Their speeches were logical and well received and the people of this town are fully satisfied that it is time for a change. We want BENNETT AND BETTER TIMES.

NATHANIEL TOOPE.
ELI TOOPE, of John.
CHARLES W. HODDER.
WM. GEO. HODDER.
And many others.

Coaker Frost at Salvage Confirmed.

Salvage, April 18th—We, the undersigned, confirm that message, re Coaker's meeting is correct. Coaker's meeting was a failure. The report from Salvage in the Advocate is false. A great reception is awaiting Monroe and colleague on arrival.

OWEN BURDEN.
GEO. BULL.
WM. DYKE.
WM. DURDLE.
HEZ. TROKE.
ARTHUR SQUIRES.
ALFRED BROWN.
JOHN HANCOCK.
WM. OLDFORD.
JOHN LANE.
And many others.

Crosbie and Puddester Will Win Easily.

Western Bay, April 18th—A crowded meeting here last night was addressed by Crosbie and Puddister. The doings of the present Government were shown up in splendid fashion and left a deep impression on the intelligence of Western Bay. The meeting was a splendid success.

J.J. Perry, chairman; Jos. J. Bishop Jos. Bishop, Jr., Stanley Kennedy, Albert Bishop, Edward Crummey, J. Kennedy, W. G. Benson, W. Kennell, P. Fitzgerald, P. Walsh, C. Kennedy, E. Fitzgerald, W. P. King, N. Whalen, J. T. Crummey, Levi Kennedy, W. G. Perry, P. McCarthy, Frazer Sellars, Sam Wilcox, M. Loveys, J. D'Reilly, Thos. Fitzgerald, S. Kennedy, E. Whalen, J. Loveys, J. Parsons, R. Butt, A. Wheedon, M. Walsh, A. E. Bishop, J. Whalen, H. Wheedon, E. Kennell, W. Milley, A. Juddister, L. Puddester, J. G. Whalen, M. Walsh, Jr., J. Walsh, G. Sellars, J. Parsons, Eli Sellars, J. F. Sellars, F. Follett, Thos. Crummey, M. Kennedy, Jos. Milley, Mark Kennell, Frank Whalen, John King, John T. Milley.

Wining Trio Return To-Night.

Bell Island, April 19th—After the most successful campaign in the history of Bell Island Messrs. Higgins, Fox and Vinnicombe finished up last night at Lance Cove, when a most enthusiastic meeting was held, practically all the voters being present, as well as the people from Freshwater. Mr. Ralph Rees was chairman and splendid speeches were made by the candidates who scored the misdeeds of the Government. The meeting lasted till near midnight when it closed with ringing cheers for the Leader of the Opposition, and Higgins, Fox and Vinnicombe. To-day the victory trio leave the Island for Portugal Cove, where a meeting will be held to-day, when the candidates will come on to the city where they will be met at the King's Bridge by their committee.

Trepassey Won't Have Coaker Candidates.

Special to Evening Telegram.

Trepassey, April 19th.—With their wings badly scorched by fire of Walsh and colleagues kindled at their meeting here, the three bees flew from their hive and disappeared in direction of the Poll-heads, where it is presumed they boarded a steamer for an unknown destination. Hands across the Bay for the biggest majority ever known for Bennett's candidates. Out of the depths is our slogan and

BENNETT & BETTER TIMES.
CORRESPONDENT.

A Serious Situation.

FLAGRANT MISUSE OF THE PUBLIC DESPATCH.

Latest Exposure of Government's Frenzied Effort to Bluff the Electorate.

We quote verbatim a message received by Mr. J. R. Bennett from the Greenspond and Wesleyville Committees.

"Sending to Sir R. A. Squires following message please publish. Previous to this we have called your attention Government propaganda being circulated through this Dominion through the daily despatch which should be non-political. In yesterday's despatch appeared the most glaring Government propaganda since the opening of campaign in reference to Coaker reception here. Since it is apparent your intentions arenot to heed our protest. WE NOW DEMAND EQUAL RIGHTS BY DEMANDING OUR CHAIRMAN WALTER CARTER'S DESPATCH TO DAILY NEWS UNDER DATE 16th INST. REFERENCE SAME SUBJECT MUST HAVE THE SAME PUBLICITY BY SENDING IT THROUGH THIS DOMINION BY MEANS DAILY DESPATCH. If this is not heeded further action will be taken.

On behalf of Wesleyville and Greenspond Committees numbering three hundred and fifty.

JESSE WINSOR, Chairman.
SIDNEY J. HILL, Secty.
WALTER CARTER, Chairman.
S. W. HODDINOTT, Secty.

Ice Moving off Land.

GLENCOE NOW FREE.

A message was received from the operator at Hr. Breton to the Postal Telegraphs Department this morning, stating that the Southeast wind which prevailed last night, opened up the ice, and the heavy flow is now moving off at Hermitage, Hr. Breton, Grand Bank and Argentia. The weather was very foggy and mild. This will, no doubt, be welcome news, as the steamers that have been held fast in the ice for some weeks past will now be enabled to proceed to their destinations. The S.S. Glencoe, Capt. Blandford, which ship has been held fast in the ice at Argentia for the past two months, has received orders to take up her route along the South West Coast as formerly. Passengers who went out by to-day's train can make connections with the steamer at Argentia.

Rousing Meeting at Bay Roberts.

MR. BENNETT SCORES SQUIRES' TACTICS.

A committee meeting was called last night in Bay Roberts without any public announcement. At 8 o'clock the Cable Hall was abolutely filled to overflowing, at least five hundred voters being present. Mr. John Morgan was in the chair and opened the meeting at 8.15 calling Mr. J. R. Bennett, leader of the Opposition, to make his first public speech in Bay Roberts. Mr. Bennett, in a magnificent speech lasting over two hours, outlined the full policy of the Opposition Party in a manner that brought continuous applause. The bounty on fish was dealt with and explained and Mr. Bennett threw the lie back in the teeth of the Government by emphatically stating the bounty will be paid direct to the fishermen and not to the merchants. He dealt with the Humber pointing out that his party would accept this and see that the country got full benefits. He strongly denounced the Government for attempting to foist themselves again upon the electors under the false issue of the Humber which belongs to the people and not to Squires and also for the despicable attempt to prejudice the people by a false cry of leadership. He reviewed the mismanagement of the past few years which the government is unable to attend and refuses to try, condemning them for their low-down, personal attacks of living and dead, transparent camouflage, false issues and sinister tactics. The real issue is their infamous record. During, and at the end of his speech the applause was deafening.

Mr. Archibald next spoke and was greeted with a tremendous ovation. In an able and forceful manner he endorsed the remarks of the leader, and disclosed the treachery of the Squires-Coaker outfit in a telling manner.

Mr. Hickman then spoke in his usual practical manner and pointed out the inevitable disaster that would follow a renewal of power to the present rulers. He dwelt on the fish and trade situation in such an able and convincing manner as to bring round after round of applause from the large gathering. He received an even greater reception than that accorded him on his first appearance last week.

Capt. Parmiter and Mr. W. A. Munn also addressed the meeting, scoring the Government for a period of misrule, unequalled in the Country's history. The meeting lasted from 8.15 to midnight and concluded with ringing cheers for Bennett, Hickman and Archibald and for the Opposition Party. Bay Roberts will give the Bennett Candidates seventy per cent. vote in spite of the lying tactics of government heelers here. Last night's meeting was an indication of the sentiment in Bay Roberts that shows unmistakably that the people realize the only hope of the country is Bennett and clean Government.

McMurdo's Store News.

THURSDAY, April 19, 1923.

There are still a number of cases of severe coughs and bronchitis to be met with, and in most of those cases Buckley's Bronchitis Mixture is of great value, and will be found to be of service. Buckley's Bronchitis Mixtures is designed to get to the root of the bronchial trouble and remove its cause. If taken strictly according to directions its results are in some cases wonderful. Price 75c. a bottle.

Sutton's Seeds are most favorable for the garden, and our stock is now open and on sale. Get Sutton's Seeds, and you will win out.

TO-NIGHT'S BIG EVENT

Great Popular Reception to be Tendered the Bennett Trio on Their Return From Bell Island.

"See the Conquering Heroes Come."

To demonstrate the strength of the popular forces lined up in St. John's East on behalf of Bennett and Better Times a great popular reception will be tendered to-night to Messrs. Higgins, Fox and Vinicombe on their return from their triumphant tour of Bell Island. The big Committee of unpaid citizen volunteers will assemble in full force at their headquarters on the historic Beach after the supper hour, and there will organize the ranks to proceed to the King's Bridge, where they will meet the conquering heroes who have demolished the forces of Coakerism over on the Iron Isle, and who now return doubly encouraged after their victory to renew in the city the splendid campaign which will demonstrate to Newfoundland that the proud old Liberal District of St. John's East will not haul down the British flag of freedom for the tattered rags of Bolshevik rule. The volunteer army of city voters will show by their strength that no combination of Government conscripts led by the pawns of Coakerism are going to wrench the control of St. John's East from the hands of the free and independent people of this noble, proud, intelligent old district. Be on hand then to witness every citizen who is not on the staff of the Committee, every man, woman and child who can possibly do so, in order to show your approval and encouragement of the popular cause and its conquering heroes, for by doing so you will strike such terror into the hearts of the city's enemies, the Coaker dupes, that they will shiver in their shoes till polling day and then discover at the count that you have buried Coakerism beneath such an avalanche of ballots that it will be powerless to raise up its head again in the most historic Liberal District in good old Newfoundland. Cheer the conquering heroes, boys, and ring the echoes of your voices from the "Old Southside Hills."

THE HOUR IS NEAR

AND THE COUNTRY'S FUTURE IS AT STAKE.

Free men of Newfoundland! You who have to win your livelihood from the briny deep! You who have to dig and delve into the bowels of the earth; to toil in the factories and workshops! You who have to labor in sleet and rain, in storm and sunshine! What does your common sense and intelligence lead you to infer from the situation that confronts you to-day? From the desperate efforts of Squires and Coaker to regain power by merely shrieking "Humber Deal! Humber Deal!" without advancing a single other suggestion with regard to the future of this country? Do you want any more convincing proof of the utter bankruptcy of brains and ability, of capacity and integrity in the present Government, than the fact that to-day, a fortnight from the polling, the Squires' Party has not a single constructive suggestion to put before you except that a paper inductry is to be started on the West Coast at which two or three thousand men will be employed, and that because of this the Government is to be re-elected and given power to carry on your affairs again, in spite of the frightful ruin and disaster brought upon the country the past four years by the incapable crowd who have had charge of your affairs during that period.

If you read the Government organs, if you hearken to the Government speakers, you can reach only one conclusion, namely, that these men know the outlook for themselves is hopeless, know they are without a policy, without any uniting principle, are simply banded together to hold on to the spoils of office, and are using this cry of the Humber Deal for that purpose alone. The proof of this is plain before the eyes of every man who can read and will study the political situation as it exists to-day. Therefore, can you fishermen, farmers, mechanics and laborers in your heart decide to vote for these conspirators? Can you safely and conscientiously vote for a renewal of the domination of Coaker, for a continuance of the policy of recklessness, extravagance, of misrule and corruption in every branch of the public service that is certain to result if the Squires-Coaker gang are given four years more of office in this country?

In making a decision as to which party they will support at the polls on May the 3rd, electors should carefully consider the full significance of the relations between Squires and Coaker, should recall and ponder over the Fish Regulations and the condition of utter collapse to which these have brought the country, and especially the business community.

The Spring is opening, the time for outfits for the fishery is at hand. Surely one man out of every twenty will be looking for a Summer's work that can be employed at the Humber enterprise. The other nineteen will have to go fishing. What is the prospect of these men being able to get supplies if the present Government is re elected? What encouragement will there be for any people to put their money into any labor-giving enterprise when, in three or four years afterwards, Mr. Coaker may insist on the nationalization of fish or some other crazy scheme and force Squires and his colleagues to put it into effect and bring about another era of destruction and starvation?

Electors, take no chances. The weapon is in your own hands. Do your part on Polling Day. Vote for

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Ex-Service Men's Re-Union.

GRENFELL HALL TO-MORROW NIGHT.

Arrangements are now completed for the ex-Service men's Smoker and Concert, which is being held in the Grenfell Hall, to-morrow night. A pleasing programme has been prepared and many well known local artistes have signified their intention of assisting. Mr. A. E. Holmes, who is so well and favourably known to theatre goers, will give a recitation known as "Haggis." Many who have heard this recitation have said that it is one of the finest War recitations yet written Song sheets which include Regimental and Naval favourites will be available, and the various choruses should be sung with much gusto. The Allied Consuls are hoping to be present, including the recently appointed French Consul M. Ernest Turquet de Beauregard. His Excellency the Governor will deliver an address which will later be followed by an address from Padre Nangle, who will give an outline of the work being done overseas, etc. Admission will be free and there will be no collection. A cordial invitation is extended to all ex-service men to be present.

Coastal Boats.

GOVERNMENT.

The operator at Hr. Breton wires this morning that he had not seen any sign of the S.S. Senef.

S.S. Portia has not reported up to 1 p.m. as to whether she was clear of Hermitage.

S.S. Sagona arrived at Burin 7 o'clock this morning.

S.S. Malakoff is reported 5 miles West of St. Mary's caught in the ice.

REIDS.

S.S. Kyle reported this morning 3 miles off Hr. Breton.

S.S. Clyde left port at 1 p.m. for Green Bay route.

S.S. Glencoe will leave Argentia to take up the South West Coast service after the arrival of to-day's outgoing express.

Shipping.

S.S. Silvia arrived at Halifax 6 o'clock this morning.

S.S. Sable I. left Louisburg last evening with mails and 30 passengers.

S.S. Rosalind left New York at 4 yesterday, and is due here on Monday next.