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A Critical Situation.

The enforcement of the Volstead Prohibition Act by the United States Government has recently reached a climax which may have serious consequences as regards the trade and commerce between the Republic and the European countries. The new measure which has been lately upheld by a decision of the Supreme Court of the United States is so drastic in its scope that public opinion in England as expressed in the leading newspapers is colored with doubt as to whether the Customs authorities of the United States really intend to carry it into effect. This factor of uncertainty has resulted in the British Government and the shipping interests taking the proposal so far calmly in the hope that a way out will be found to obviate and avert such a serious interference with the rights and liberties of Great Britain and her seamen. The British shipping from time immemorial provides that a certain quantity of ardent spirits shall be carried on every ship trading to foreign countries for the use of her seamen, engineers and stokers. The United States Supreme Court has ruled that no ship, local or foreign, entering her ports shall carry any liquor either for beverage or medicinal purposes. Reprisals have been talked, but chiefly in a jocular way, as the possibility of the enforcement of the law is not taken seriously. Public men in England have suggested that Great Britain should enact a retaliation law to the effect that no United States ship shall be allowed to unload at British ports unless they carry a certain quantity of spirits for medicinal purposes. This attitude is certainly as logical as the other and serves to illustrate the ridiculousness of the situation and the extremes to which the U.S. prohibitionists seem determined to go in their efforts to make the United States bone dry. The closing down and sealing of the bars at the three mile limit does not seem to satisfy Uncle Sam any longer. It is to be hoped that a middle course will be found before any bad feeling is engendered. The law comes into force on June 10th. After that date all liquor must be listed on the ships' Manifest.

THE SHIPS' LIQUOR PRECEDENCE.

Another decision of the Supreme Court of the United States tends to make the application of the Volstead Act to foreign shipping a matter more delicate than ever. By the terms of this decision the masters of vessels arriving in American ports must list on their manifests all articles on board, whether the merchandise is for importation or not.

If a foreign ship arriving after June 10 with intoxicating beverages in its stores or cargo lists this liquor, then the customs men cannot easily overlook the violation of the law. What will happen if the Treasury Department agents thereupon board the vessel and attempt to seize the intoxicants?

The seizure of liquor brought into our wharves by foreign ships but obviously not intended to be put ashore would mean that the United States had cut adrift from international usage. It would mean that this country had turned its back on principles which the Government

has defended for more than a century.

In the British House of Commons recently the Government was asked what it would do if the United States confiscated British ships carrying liquor as sealed cargo or stores. A Labor Member, Lansbury, interjected a rough but suggestive answer: "Do what you did with the Soviet—break off negotiations and go to war!"

The case is not as bad as that. There are calm men in London and Washington. But the comparison with the Soviet, rude as it may seem, is not utterly unjustified. The Soviet declares that it will impose upon foreigners any law that it pleases. The Volstead Act, thanks to its faulty construction, puts the United States in the position of enforcing its will to the detriment of honest and friendly foreign commerce.

It is a delicate situation. The Treasury and State Departments are expected to find a way out—New York Herald.

Responsible Government.

The boon of Responsible Government was granted to the people of Newfoundland after a prolonged agitation on the part of our liberty-loving and sturdy forefathers after an agitation that lasted for a quarter of a century. It began in 1830 and the full measure of autonomy was not gained till 1855. The principles of the Constitution were clear cut and well defined, and when any infringement of the rights of the people was attempted, our forefathers took alarm and arose as one man in their indignation and did not rest till the principles they fought for were recognized. The written as well as the unwritten principles of our Constitution were regarded as sacred and no man, no matter how exalted, was the office he held, dared to disregard the rights and liberties secured under Responsible Government with impunity. Within the past twenty years politicians having more regard for their own political ends than the preservation of the principles of Responsible Government have been undermining the laws and customs of the Constitution in an insidious manner, and as the years go by the practice is growing worse and worse. As there is very little protest, the political leaders grow bolder, and under the rascally aegis of "political expediency" they perpetrate the most atrocious breaches of the ethics of Responsible Government, so that at the present time they have reduced the Charter for which our forefathers struggled so hard to obtain, to a farce. If they can do as they have done there is no reason why they cannot go further and do much worse. The men who would rise up and denounce them and cry "hands off the Constitution," have, we fear, all passed off the stage long ago and are quietly resting in their graves. The new generation seems to be satisfied to have the charter of our liberties and our rights torn to shreds, as long as the Government that does so gives them the loaves and fishes and divides a share of the spoils amongst them on the eve of an election. Where is this going to end? Men who have not been elected by the votes of the people are boldly given seats in the Executive Council and made heads of Departmental offices in violation of law and custom, and the public are expected to take it all lying down. It was bad enough to allow the Minister of Agriculture and Mines to hold that Department the past three and a half years without appearing in the House of Assembly, but the new and latest attempt to allow the Minister of Finance to retain that office without having been elected and without putting in an appearance in the House of Assembly is the most outrageous of all. It is without precedent in Newfoundland, and as far as we can ascertain, in any self-governing country in the world. If we are to go on in this way, it would be more honest to scrap the charter and let us have an autocracy pure and simple.

Annual Meeting Nfld. Football League.

FOOTBALLERS HAD SUCCESSFUL SEASON.

The annual meeting of the Newfoundland Football League was held on Saturday night last in the office of the President with the representatives of the League clubs in attendance. President Higgins presented the handsome gold medals won by the B.I.S. and Cadets, and before doing so, congratulated the winning clubs on their splendid achievement. Captain H. Phelan and M. Madigan, on behalf of their teams, accepted the souvenirs, each making a brief and happy reply.

The regular business of the meeting was next gone into and the Secretary and Treasurer's report were read and adopted. The reports were very encouraging, the season of 1922 being probably the most successful in the annals of local football. The Treasurer's report showed that the League was very strong financially. After all had been finalized, Mr. J. F. Crotty was moved to the chair to conduct the election of officers for the coming season which resulted in last year's officers being re-elected. President—Mr. W. J. Higgins, K.C., M.H.A.

Vice-Pres.—Mr. C. E. Hunt, M.H.A. Treasurer.—Mr. F. C. Brey. Secretary.—Mr. B. R. Harris. Auditors.—Messrs. J. P. Crotty, J. A. Carmichael.

The delegates for the Clubs are Messrs. J. P. Crotty, B.I.S.; W. Caul, Cadets; T. W. Sparks, Guards; C. E. A. Jeffrey, Pelicans; W. B. Hart, Stars; R. E. James, Salamis; L. T. Steek, C. E. I.; E. J. Goodland, C.L.B.; J. A. Highlanders.

Repairs to St. George's Field will be commenced at once. A request from four teams to form a Junior League was placed before the meeting, but owing to the lateness of the hour this matter was held over with other business of importance until a later meeting.

Firm Re-Organized.

NOW RUN UNDER LOCAL DIRECTORATE.

The firm of Messrs. Strong and Murrell, located at the Little Bay Islands, N.B.S., has been recently re-organized, and is now being run under a local directorate with Mr. M. G. Winter as its President. The above firm is one of the largest supplying houses in the North, and under its new directorate, the firm, we have no doubt, will be highly successful.

Girl Guide Entertainment.

MAJESTIC THEATRE EMPIRE DAY.

At the Girl Guide Entertainment to be held at the Majestic Theatre on Thursday evening, Empire Day, not only will the audience enjoy the Tableaux Vivants, and the humorous play and sketch, of which we spoke on Saturday, but they will have the privilege of hearing the Orchestra and Musical Items arranged by Miss Alison Renie. The Orchestra will be under the direction of Mr. F. W. Bradshaw, and composed of Mrs. Melville, Mrs. F. Howe, Miss Alison Renie, Miss Power, Mr. Leslie Marshall, Mr. W. I. Church, Mr. F. Burley, Mr. A. E. Chown, Mr. L. Skinner, Mr. G. Bishop, Mrs. H. D. Reid and Mrs. W. R. Warren have kindly consented to sing. The Association is fortunate in having so many to show interest in their work and the audience may count on a delightful evening in return for their support of the movement.

A matinee performance will be given on Empire Day at 2.30 p.m. special for school children. Tickets at special prices 10c. and 20c. will be sold at the door.

C. L. B. Excursion.

Now that the season is at hand for the usual summer outings, what better start could be made than that excursion to Carbonar advertised for Empire Day. Here we have the advantages offered far in excess of anything of its kind for many seasons past, and its now up to the general public to support to the fullest extent all endeavors of this sort of recreation. What is more beneficial to the lovers of nature than the ruggedness of the country through which you pass on your way to Carbonar, in itself will be worth the outlay expended. The music offered cannot be excelled and the general programme provided will be no doubt executed with the thoroughness which has been characteristic with the success already achieved in the past, by this enterprising combination of entertainers.

A. N. D. Co. Purchases New Property.

MEANS BIG OUTPUT FOR COMPANY.

The Anglo-Newfoundland Development Co., are extending their operations, and have recently taken over the property and plant of the Terra Nova Sulphite Co., at Glovertown. Operations were started on the above plant some years ago by Messrs. Blackstead and Storm, who held the controlling interest. All the necessary machinery is available for the manufacturing of pulp and paper, and the acquiring of this property means additional employment and a greater output for the A.N.D. Co. It is reported that operations will commence there this season.

Coal Boat Ashore.

SHIP AGROUND AT SPOT POINT.

Word was received in the city yesterday that a steamer named the "Genevieve" went ashore at Spot Point, near the Highlands, Bay St. George, at 7 o'clock on Saturday night last, and that all efforts at refloating the ship at high tide had proved unsuccessful. It is understood the ship was bound from North Sydney to Montreal with a cargo of coal, and having met with the heavy ice in the Gulf, she was driven off her course on the land. No particulars as to the safety of the crew have been received, but it is presumed that no lives were lost. As the "Genevieve" is not registered in Lloyd's Register, it is quite evident that she only recently came off the stocks. Further reports of the stranded ship will be awaited with interest.

Daring Crooks at Work.

HARVEY'S FREIGHT SHED BURGLARIZED.

While the night watchman of Harvey and Company's eastern premises, was making his usual rounds at 5 a.m. yesterday, he entered the shed, and discovered two men ransacking the place. The men immediately disappeared through a hatchway, to a boat underneath the wharf and made their getaway. The thieves in their hurried departure left everything behind, including two bags in which they hoped to carry off their loot. The watchman upon making an investigation, found that two chests of tea had been broken open. He at once acquainted the police of the matter and with a good clue left to work on, arrests will probably follow. The burglars are evidently very familiar with the premises and they had their plans well worked out as their only means of gaining access to the place was by means of pushing their boat under the wharf, and climbing up through a hatchway, and into the shed.

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Supreme Court.

(Before Chief Justice Horwood.)

John Penney & Sons vs. W. F. Coaker. This is an application on the part of the above named defendant that the statement of claim herein be struck out upon the grounds that it discloses the cause of the action. Mr. H. A. Winter for defendant; Morine, K.C., for plaintiff. H. A. Winter for defendant is heard in support of the application. Morine, K.C., for plaintiff is heard against the motion. It is ordered that the plaintiff have leave to amend the pleadings.

This Week at St. Thomas.

Monday in Whitsun Week—Holy Communion, 8. Women's Association, 3.30.

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Wednesday—Brotherhood St. Andrew (Juniata), 7.30. Young Women's Bible Class, 8.30.

Friday—Evening Prayer and Sermon, 7.30. Choir Practice, 8.15.

Next Sunday, Trinity Sunday—Holy Communion, 8. Morning Prayer and Sermon, 11. Sunday Schools, 2.45.

Children's Service, 3. Holy Baptism, 4. Evening Prayer and Sermon, 6.30.

Daily Morning Prayer in St. Andrew's Chapel, 8.

Magistrate's Court.

Four ordinary drunks, arrested Saturday night, were granted their release upon making the usual deposit.

A resident of Branch, taken in for safe-keeping, was released.

Const. Snellgrove summoned a civil servant on a charge of being loose and disorderly on the public street, on the evening of the 16th inst. The accused was convicted and fined \$2 or 7 days.

Shipping.

S. S. Strauss sailed yesterday from Bell Island for Rotterdam with a cargo 3,000 tons iron ore.

S. S. Alconia has arrived at St. John's from London. The ship is in ballast and will load paper for London.

S. S. Canadian Harvester arrived in port at 7 a.m. yesterday with a full general cargo. The ship, which is sailing to-morrow night direct to Barbados, is taking very little freight as there is practically no fish offering for the market.

S. S. Canadian Sapper left Montreal on Saturday for here via Charlottetown.

S. S. Scotchman sailed at 5 a.m. yesterday for Liverpool.

S. S. Rosalind, which left New York on Saturday is due at Halifax to-day and leaves to-morrow for this port.

S. S. Sable 1 is due here to-morrow.

S. S. Maple Dawn left Charlottetown at 2 p.m. Saturday. The ship is due here to-night or to-morrow morning.

Here and There.

See the Masonic Ball decoration at the C.C.C. 'At Home.'

FOOTBALL PRACTICE—The members of the C.L.B. team are holding a football practice on Calvert's field this evening.

SALMON PLENTIFUL.—Salmon were plentiful in the nets at Portugal Cove this morning. Wm. King was high liner with a haul of 123 fish, whilst the next man Somerton secured over 50. Practically all the nets did well. Salmon were selling in the local market to-day at 8 and 10 cents per lb.

SUB-COLLECTOR DIES SUDDENLY.—The Deputy Minister of Customs has been advised that Mr. J. B. Gorman, sub-collector at Harbor Breton, passed away suddenly of heart disease on Saturday night. The deceased who is nearly sixty years old, was made tide-waiter at Breton in 1867 and since 1915 he had been promoted to the position of Sub-collector.

INCULCATING PATRIOTISM.—On the eve of Empire Day all the city school children accompanied by their teachers will assemble at the Government House grounds where they will be addressed by his Excellency the Governor, the Prime Minister and his Honor the Mayor. The affair will take place at 3.30 p.m. The addresses will be on patriotism.

ST. PAUL'S ISLAND IS AT PRESENT connected with the mainland by a telegraph cable which has not only been expensive to maintain, but is frequently interrupted by breaking waves to various marine causes. The new wireless station will eliminate these suspensions.

NOTHING FROM WRECK.—Up to 1 p.m. to-day no further news of the ship which went ashore at Spot Point, near Crab's Head, on Saturday night has been received. It has been ascertained that the name of the ship is Glenmurre.

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Boy Week.

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Opening Tournament To-Night.

GUARDS AND C.E.I. FIGURE IN BILLIARD TOURNAMENT.

The opening of the inter-Club Billiard Tournament between the M.G. C.A. and C.E.I. teams takes place at 7.30 in the Guards Club Rooms, and not to-morrow, Tuesday, as formerly announced. Owing to the rearranging of the opening date, the schedule of games as drawn, becomes slightly mixed, but this difficulty will be overcome when the committees in charge meet to-night. The participating players for to-night will be E. Hunter (Guards), and J. H. Farrelle (C.E.I.) commencing at 7.30 followed by N. Ellis (Guards), and T. Hallitt (C.E.I.), at 9 o'clock. The tournament is being eagerly looked forward to by billiard enthusiasts of both Clubs, and a large gathering is expected to witness the opening of the series to-night.

New Wireless Station.

TO BE ERRECTED BY THE GOVERNMENT AT ST. PAUL'S ISLAND.

North Sydney, N.S. May 16.—A government wireless station is to be erected on St. Paul's Island, which stands in the entrance to the Gulf of St. Lawrence off the most northeasterly point in Nova Scotia. Two wireless engineers were landed by C. G. S. Montcalm at St. Paul's Island yesterday to arrange for the erection of the station.

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