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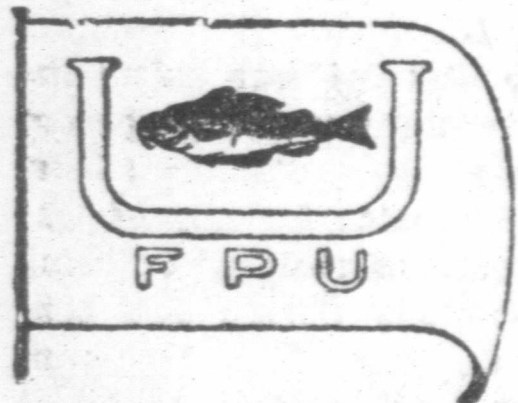
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## OUR POINT OF VIEW

### WILL THE GOVERNMENT ACT?

THE public are amazed to find the Government so indifferent to the financial situation of the Colony—commercial and public—as to allow two days to pass without taking any action. All they seem capable of doing is to allow things to drift from bad to worse.

The Premier is shouldering a serious responsibility that he may be called upon to account for at any hour by an outraged public. His inaction is incomprehensible to most men. Is he playing into the hands of the Bank of Montreal? If so he may have to answer for the trick and heavy will be the price demanded by the public.

Is it to be assumed that there is no one in the Government capable of making an effort to protect the commercial interests of the Colony? Are things to be permitted to drift until conditions far surpassing those prevailing on Black Monday of twenty years ago have overtaken the Colony? Must the people remain inactive in the face of facts that must convince all thinking men that fully 20,000 families will be destitute the coming winter unless provision is now made to meet every emergency? Do the Government intend to permit the Colony to drift into a position of helpless bankruptcy in order to make sure of forcing Confederation upon the Colony on Reid's terms whether the people are willing or unwilling?

We warn Sir Edward against any further continuation of fooling the people; for the North is relying upon President Coaker to do his duty and protect the fishermen's interests, and when he says the word 20,000 men will be ready to stand at his back at any cost and die rather than be false to their leader. If anyone imagines that any process of trickery will succeed in forcing any issue upon the Colony, we warn them to give up those imaginations; for nothing but a square deal will now be tolerated in our Island Home.

The people will be in a desperate state of mind by the end of October, no matter how things may brighten up by then, and unless the Government are bidding for mob rule over three-fourths of the Colony next

winter they should immediately proceed to do all in their power to prepare for the worse year's fishery Newfoundland has ever seen.

The railway branches remaining unfinished must be proceeded with in October and five thousand men employed. Every avenue of labor will be curtailed and there will be thousands placed in the same position as the employees of the Nova Scotia Steel Co. at Bell Island were placed two days ago when they were informed that all labor was stopped until next spring and the Company would not require the services of even ten men.

We will aid the Government in anything that is right. The F.P.U. have no desire to see a change of government at the present time. No one envies the Government their position or their power under present circumstances. We intend to have what is right done and if the Premier won't move it will be our duty to make things as hot for him as any Premier ever experienced in this Colony.

The country can do very little now to aid the Mother Country in her tremendous struggle, but a great deal can be done and must be done to protect our toilers against starvation the coming winter, and if the Government refuse to do its duty, they will suffer for their negligence even greater than many of their worse opponents would approve of. Conditions were bad yesterday but they are far worse to-day.

Must the public remain silent and inactive in the face of the refusal of the rulers of the land to take steps to prevent a few men from growing richer by demanding exorbitant prices for goods they held before the big advance in prices.

We are watching every move and we will not hesitate to show up every firm or man that attempts to grow rich out of the miseries of the poor people and those who hope to grow rich quick out of the miseries of the people will stand a mighty good chance of being ruined when the smoke of this war has passed away for we will publicly expose every man's son of them.

### THE PUBLIC DESPATCH.

WE protest against the outrage perpetrated on the public yesterday by the Government or the Post Master General in withholding the public despatches from this paper, while the Daily News received them as they came in; and although this paper is paying its full share of the cost of the public news we read the despatches in the News this morning before they were sent to us by the Telegraph Department.

Does Premier Morris want to become absolute dictator of this almost God-forsaken country, which has been well nigh massacred financially and politically by his intentional blunders of the past five years.

We warn him to act like a man and be a party to no further outrageous conduct against the public interest. The people are in no mood for any further insults.

We demand an explanation from the Post Master General and if not forthcoming immediately he will be held responsible for the crime of holding back the public news from us in order to appease the enmity of the other papers, who are jealous because we issued a few war extras and showed them how sleepy they were and how far behind the times they had dragged.

What a paper of six months old has done—aided by the fishermen's money—surely some of these papers, established 20 to 35 years, might have copied, seeing they have grown rich and indolent by their many raids on the public treasury.

We try to give the public satisfaction and value for their money, unaided by boodle from the public chest, and the other papers, which are all now drawing from the public Treasury, might, if they had the go, do over and over again, the little we have attempted.

The public will be indignant when they learn of the attempt of the Government to muzzle this paper respecting the publication of the war news.

### PLANETS AND THE WEATHER

ONE of the correspondents of The Weekly News Letter to Crop correspondents published by the United States Department of Agriculture wants to know whether the position of the planets have any effect on the weather. The following is The News Letter's answer:

A few people strongly assert that they do, while many others have their doubts. Those, however, who have given the subject careful attention are positive that none of the planets, not even the moon, ever has any appreciable effect on the weather.

As a matter of fact, all weather changes depend ultimately upon temperature differences. The temperature as we know, constitutes of itself a most important weather factor. Another and equally important weather factor is rainfall. But to obtain rain it is necessary, first to evaporate water from the surface of

the earth, and this, as everyone knows, requires heat. Still another important weather factor is the direction and force of the wind, and this, too, requires heat, for the winds will not blow unless the temperature is different at one place from what it is at another, any more than the air will draw up a chimney when there is no fire in it.

Since then the heating of different parts of the earth and its atmosphere to different temperatures is the real cause of the winds and of all weather changes it follows that the moon and the planets can affect the weather only so far as they supply heat.

Now, according to accurate measurements made with the most delicate instruments, the amount of heat sent to the earth by all the planets and also by the moon is insignificant in comparison to the amount that comes from the sun. Hence, we could not expect either the planets or the moon appreciably to affect the weather. They do not supply enough heat, the one thing that causes all our weather changes.

To most people the foregoing reasoning may seem quite sufficient and conclusive, but there is still another and an entirely different method of testing the whole question. We can observe the positions of the planets and the kind of weather during each position and see whether the same sort of weather always comes when the planets are in the same position. This kind of examination has often been made, both for the planets and for the moon, but not the slightest influence of either upon our weather has ever been found.

To sum up: We have every reason to believe that neither planets nor the moon can have any appreciable effect on the weather, because they furnish so little heat upon which all weather changes ultimately depend, and this belief is fully supported by weather records.

The belief, still to be found in all countries, that the planets and the moon do affect the weather never had any scientific basis whatever; it is only a remnant of the many superstitions generated and fostered by that other and greater superstition, astrology.

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We should think that in a time like this, when such fateful tidings are being spread abroad, and so many persons interested and anxious to learn the news, that some better system could be adopted.

Why not have a large blackboard on which the leading features of the messages could be written in large letters where every body could see it, or sheets of newspaper might be used and the events written in ink with a brush.

While we are on this subject of war news, why not get authentic news. People are sick of being fooled with unsupported rumors. Give us facts or refrain from giving anything.

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## FUNNY CONDUCT OF MAGISTRATE

Correspondent Says he Considers Punctuality Before the Law

La Scie, July 7.—About the latter part of May Joseph Morgan put a codnet out to keep a trap berth and never used it only when he went and put out three other trap moorings on it.

I with my crew went out to secure a trap berth with our leader. I thought this was the only thing that was lawful to secure a trap berth and only then for four days.

As soon as Morgan heard that we had our leader out by the side of his old net down he went out the next morning and put his trap down and took up the net, but it is wrong for me to say it was a net, for it was only a piece, for it was torn all to pieces and he had rocks tied around the head and foot of it.

### Intended To Have It

I went to him and asked him what he did it for, he said that he intended to have it or lose five hundred dollars over it at the Supreme Court at St. John's. So I went to our magistrate (Duggan) and gave him my statement re the matter.

He said it was unlawful for Morgan to act as he did and told me that Morgan's trap was keeping the berth for me until it was settled. I told the magistrate to summon him.

Next morning I was waiting for the time to come and lots of people stayed in to see how the trial was going to come off. I went by my time and the magistrate went by the sheriff's time. Morgan came a little before me and I was on time by my time but 5 or 10 minutes behind by the sheriff's time, and when I went in to the office he went for me for being late and said the case is dismissed.

I said that I went by my time and he told me I shouldn't.

### Time, Not Law

Well, I said, my time is as likely to be right as yours; but he said that it was not any good to say that and he said that when the hour was up by the time they had there he, the magistrate, read the charge to the defendant and I, the plaintiff, was not there, so he said this case is dismissed.

I asked do all cases go off like this?

He said yes.

I asked him to give me another summons and Morgan said he had one and wouldn't take another and the magistrate said I couldn't get another.

Is this the way that law is settled? If this is right why the poor man is not going to get much fair play. What is your opinion of the matter? Please oblige me by letting me know.

[Our opinion is that Duggan is unfit to administer law and that the sooner he is removed from a magistrate's position the better for the respect due to law and order.

There is no doubt but Morgan is no better than he ought to be and if the laws are administered on the Treaty Shore as described by Mr. Andrews the sooner a change is made the better for all concerned.—Editor.]

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## PROCLAMATION

GEORGE the FIFTH by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

W. E. DAVIDSON, Governor.

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:

HIS BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S Government find themselves under the necessity of availing themselves of the power reserved under Article 8 of the International Telegraph Convention and Article 17 of the International Radio-Telegraph Convention to suspend the transmission of telegrams and radio-telegrams to and from or in transit through the United Kingdom, and to and from or in transit through all British Possessions and all British Protectorates whatsoever, save and except such telegrams and radio-telegrams as are on the service of His Majesty's Government or of the Government of any British Possession or Protectorate.

With a view, however, to minimize inconvenience to the public, His Britannic Majesty's Government will, until further notice, and as an act of grace, permit the transmission of such telegrams and radio-telegrams in plain language as foreign Governments or the public chosen to send, provided that such telegrams and radio-telegrams are written in English or French, and on the understanding that they are accepted at the sender's risk and subject to censorship by the British authorities; that is, that they may be stopped, delayed or otherwise dealt with in all respects at the discretion of those authorities and without notice to the senders; and that no claims in respect of them, whether for the reimbursement of the sums paid for transmission or otherwise, will be considered by His Majesty's Government in any circumstances whatever.

It is, moreover, essential that such telegrams with radio-telegrams should bear the sender's name at the end of the text, otherwise they are liable to be stopped until the name is notified by paid telegram. Registered abbreviated addresses will not be accepted, either as addresses or as the names of senders.

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Colonial Secretary.

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