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## DOWN WITH THE DEFAMERS OF THE KING'S REPRESENTATIVE!

We publish to-day a series of messages, sent from this country to His Majesty's Ministers in Great Britain, which, for amazing effrontery, barefaced disrespect, and crass ignorance of the recognized methods of procedure, has, it is safe to say, never been surpassed anywhere outside the boundaries of Russia where men appear to have lost their reason.

Foiled in their attempts to discredit the Government, certain of the Opposition sought through irregular channels to invoke the authority of His Majesty to aid and abet them in fermenting a political disturbance. We say with intention—"certain members," for we are convinced that in the Opposition Party there are gentlemen who have too great a regard for their own reputation, and too great a respect for law and order and public decency to countenance such behaviour, or in any way to lend themselves to such questionable methods, but most astonishing of all is that the Leader, Mr. A. E. Hickman, permitted himself to be made the agent of this turbulent element. Not willingly, surely, has he placed himself in such a position; certainly he cannot plead that it was done in ignorance of what is right and fitting, unless his reputation for intelligence has been rated altogether too highly, and the only conclusion possible is that the blunder was committed through fear of the consequences at the hands of the rag, tag, and bob-tail of his party. And what were they doing—trusting to the chance that it would succeed?

There will be considerable sympathy felt for Mr. Hickman, as his egregious error of judgment and his timidity seal his downfall as a people's leader. Could such an idea have been the intention, we wonder, of those who made use of him?

In addition to the insolent tone of the first message sent to the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs on August 29th, we wish to call attention to the fact that, failing an immediate reply, another cable more objectionable than the first was forwarded after but two weeks had elapsed. This action can only be interpreted as an attempt to rush His Majesty's Minister, a statesman who has to deal with problems which pour in daily from every quarter of the Empire, each of which requiring careful consideration, and often long discussions with his colleagues. Was it imagined, or hoped, that engaged in such weighty affairs of state, the Minister might come to a hasty decision in connection with the innocent looking request, and not having thoroughly grasped its import, might advise the King to censure his representative in Newfoundland, a tried and trusted official whose reputation was already established by years of service?

If so, the plot failed signally, as it was doomed to fail, and the frigidly polite reply from the Secretary of State for the Colonies not only is in the nature of a deserved rebuke, but only shows to the instigators of the message the proper channel, through which to approach the Throne, but indicates in language plain that THE POSITION TAKEN BY THE GOVERNOR WAS CONSTITUTIONALLY CORRECT, AND MET WITH THE FULL APPROVAL OF THE FINAL AUTHORITY.

It might naturally be expected that such a decisive reply with the reproof which it contained would have satisfied the petitioners, but like children to whom punishment must be administered to make them realize that a certain action is wrong, or like an undisciplined mob which fails to recognize the voice of authority, persists in their waywardness, and not content with further arguing their claim, dare to suggest to the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs that he is a party to an illegality, and is lending the weight of his authority to a petty political squabble.

Nor is this the limit of the mad policy on which they have embarked, and which casts an unenviable slur upon the people of the loyal Old Colony for whom they presume to speak. The head of the Colonial Office, a statesman who is spoken of by Government and Opposition alike in the Mother Country as one of the most outstanding men of the day, is not capable of giving a judgment on their crude and ill-considered petition! They ignore his decision with the same contempt as they had previously shown for that of His Excellency the Governor, as they would show, in fact, for any unfavourable judgment! They step over the head of Colonel Amery and make their appeal to the Prime Minister of Great Britain himself!

The absence of a reply from the Prime Minister is a well merited rebuff. The brief message from the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs is eloquent of his contempt for the accusation made against his integrity, his disregard of the insult conveyed by applying to his chief for a reversal of his decision, and it declares the matter closed in a manner that is final: "I shall be glad," he says, "if Hickman could be informed that his telegrams have been received but neither the Prime Minister nor I can add anything to the reply WHICH HE HAS ALREADY RECEIVED FROM ME."

Could any message, however voluminous, be more expressive, more studiously polite, more condemning, or more irrevocable?

We pass from this correspondence which adds a chapter to our history that, while it vindicates absolutely the integrity of the Governor and the attitude of his Ministers, must make all of us as Newfoundlanders tingle with shame that we should have been made to appear ridiculous, and that some were so derelict in their sense of what is right and fitting as to suggest that the Secretary of State for the Colonies would condone an offence for the sake of a political party or for any reason.

Here are we trying to live down an exposure, which but a year and a half ago shocked the world and made us appear as a lot of dissolute irresponsibles. To-day, owing to the unseemly behaviour of a small section of the community, we are held up as a crowd of ignorant bores without the slightest regard or respect for the highest authority in the land.

Shameful! It is an outrage! This country, which prides itself on its intense loyalty and its devotion to the Crown, and which has proved both on sea and land that its breed would yield second place to none in the defence of that Crown, has cause to-day to demand that just punishment should be meted

out to those who have sullied her reputation. We are not barbarians! We are not Bolsheviks, and we will not with impunity permit the miserable writers in the Advocate or the Globe to drag the name of the King's representative through political mire.

One of respect for the gentleman who occupies at present the high office of Governor we have preferred to allow the gross references that have appeared in these papers to pass, but they can be ignored no longer, for the correspondence which we publish shows plainly that the court to which the appeal was made summarily dismissed it more than two months ago, and completely exonerated His Excellency. Secrecy was however preserved regarding that reply, but since then the attacks have become more venomous, the personal character of the Governor has been more seriously impugned, and so scurrilous are the charges made in the columns of the last issue of the Advocate that we call the attention of the Minister of Justice to the articles, to decide whether or not they are of the nature of a criminal libel.

At all costs the dignity and integrity of the King's Representative must be upheld, and we know that throughout the length and breadth of Newfoundland the people will stand foursquare in upholding the Telegram in the attitude it takes, and intends to maintain, in defending the Governor and all that he stands for, against his slanderers.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

## The Queen Mother Seriously Ill

The fears expressed in the morning messages for the Queen Mother who has been suddenly stricken down are, we regret to say, confirmed in the despatches received later, and the following telegram from the Secretary of State to His Excellency the Governor makes it only too evident that very little hope is held out for her recovery:

Code Telegram from Secretary of State.

(Received 20th November, 1925)

20th November. Much regret that Her Majesty Queen Alexandra was taken very seriously ill yesterday. She has lost strength during the night and her condition is now extremely grave.

(Sgd.) Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs.

## Opposition Leader's Amazing Blunder.

## Appeals Made Against His Excellency's Decision Dismissed—Colonial Office Refuses to Submit the Matter to the King.

The following correspondence, which took place between Mr. A. E. Hickman as leader of the Opposition and the Ministers of His Majesty the King, disposes once for all of the question raised as to the constitutional right of the Government to refuse at his pleasure to accede to the request to issue a writ for the purpose of holding an election in the vacant constituency of St. John's East.

COPY OF MR. HICKMAN'S TELEGRAM OF 29TH AUGUST TO SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DOMINION AFFAIRS.

29th August. There is a vacancy in representation of Division of St. John's East in House of Assembly of Newfoundland. The law provides that Division is entitled to be represented by three Members. One of the Members elected was on 2nd February last appointed to an office of emolument thus causing vacancy. Under such circumstances law provides that Governor shall issue a writ within 6 months of vacancy for election and return of a Member (See Newfoundland Consolidated Statutes, Chapter 4, Section 4). No writ has been issued. Demand was made on Governor 4th August by Opposition Party and Independent of House of Assembly that he forthwith issue writ for filling of vacancy. This demand was refused. Subsequent similar demand was made by an elector of that Division. The Governor's refusal forces me as Leader of Opposition in House of Assembly to bring this matter through you to attention of His Majesty in order that such action may be taken as will safeguard constitutional rights of Electorate of Division of St. John's East to full representation.

COPY OF MR. HICKMAN'S TELEGRAM OF SEPT. 14TH TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DOMINION AFFAIRS.

14th September. I have no acknowledgment of my cable despatch bringing to attention of His Majesty through you the refusal of Governor here to issue a writ for a by-election which Statute provides shall be done. Public sentiment is very resentful of Governor's attitude. Petitions are being immovably signed demanding Governor perform duties imposed on him by Statutes. If constituted authority does not carry out law popular discontent and tumult must ensue and responsibility will have to be borne by those who are shirking their duty. The people know His Majesty has been appealed to through you and cannot understand why no reply has been received to my cable.

COPY OF TELEGRAM SENT TO MR. HICKMAN ON 15TH SEPT. BY DIRECTION OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DOMINION AFFAIRS.

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## GOVERNMENT BOATS

Argyle left Epworth 4.30 p.m. yesterday, outward.  
Clyde arrived Lewisporte 12.00 a.m. yesterday, leaving 3 p.m. Saturday.  
Home leaving Lewisporte to-day.  
Kyle left Cook's Hr. 10.50 a.m. yesterday, coming south.  
Malakoff left Pt. Blandford 4 a.m. Meigs in port.  
Portland arrived St. John's 4.10 p.m. yesterday, leaving 5 p.m. Saturday.  
Prospero arrived Little Bay Islands 4.35 p.m. yesterday, coming south.  
Saguna left Rocky Hr. 5.30 p.m. yesterday, going north.  
Caribou arrived Port aux Basques 7.00 a.m. to-day.

## QUEEN MOTHER PASSES AWAY

A message received from the Anglo as we go to press announces that the Queen Mother has passed away.

## Defence in Libel Action

### AGAINST ADVOCATE NOT YET

It is probable that the hearing of the libel action against the Advocate's Advocate will come up for hearing before Judge Barron on Monday next. The matter arises over an article which appeared in the Advocate some time ago under the caption of "The Advocate's Advocate." An order was served on the defendants on Nov. 12th, to appear within 10 days to answer an indictment filed by the Attorney General on Nov. 12th. We understand that a written defence has to be filed, but up to this forenoon this has not been done. Messrs. Gibbs & Barron are appearing for the defence. Mr. L. E. Emerson is prosecuting on behalf of the Minister of Finance and Customs.

## Memorial College Classes Largely Attended

At present there are 427 students attending the evening classes at the Memorial College. Classes in political economy and navigation are in contemplation, and it is probable they will start after the New Year. At present classes are held in English, Building Construction, Machine Drawing, Shop Mathematics, Pharmacy, Chemistry, Art and Home Making. Foremen employed on the waterfront and at other occupations have a special class in which they are receiving instructions adapted to their particular needs. The large attendance at the College shows the great thirst for knowledge that exists in the city of St. John's. In the day classes of the Memorial College and Normal School it is a pleasing sign of the times to note that over 50 per cent of the students are from centres outside the city.

## Magistrate's Court

A resident of the East End was drunk on the morning for being drunk on the street and resisting arrest.  
A twenty-year-old labourer was charged with the larceny of a number of pen knives, the property of W. M. Knight, valued at \$19.45. The accused pleaded guilty, and it being his first offence he was given the option of a fine in the sum of \$20 or of default serve two months in jail. Judge Morris gave the accused some sound advice before passing sentence.

## Presentation Convent Association

The sale by the Presentation Convent Ladies' Association was opened yesterday afternoon by Rt. Rev. Mgr. Kitchen, and was well attended particularly at tea hour when the ladies in charge had a very busy time. The concert at night was largely attended and proved thoroughly enjoyable, the number of performers rendering their talents in a manner which won well merited applause, every item being encored. The proceeds were up to expectations, and the members of the Association, desiring to express their appreciation of the success attending their efforts.

## Caribou's Passengers

The following passengers crossed over to Port aux Basques by S. S. Caribou, this morning, leaving St. John's at 7.30 a.m. morning, and joined the express:—P. B. Miller, L. Goldman, S. H. Carpenter, W. Pullman, Chas. Chaisson, J. Luby, C. Horton, N. A. Pearson, M. Forget, Mrs. A. Stevenson and child, Miss A. Mosher, E. Smith, W. J. Penny, H. Beigne, Mrs. C. L. Barnes, E. Kelloway, Hon. A. A. Morris, Mrs. Robinson, C. Fraser, Mrs. C. J. White, F. Bernier, F. Chaplin, Miss M. Keller, Mrs. W. Windsor, Mrs. J. Morrow, Mrs. B. Hayward and child, Miss Fitzpatrick. The express left Port aux Basques at 8.30 a.m.

Strollers are reminded that they are to be on hand in costume at the Grenfell Hall not later than 8.30 this evening. Mr. J. Barker will be at the Hall at 8 o'clock to make up any Strallers.

## Limerick Competition

Prizes will be given at the "Vanity Stall" of the L.C.A.S. Bazaar, for the three best Limericks written about and containing the word "Three Flowers."

For example:—  
"There was a young lady from Towers  
Who always used fragrant Three Flowers.  
When she went to a ball, she was  
Courtly to all, and received many favours in showers."  
Write a limerick, give your name and address, and address it to "VANITY STALL," c/o Evening Telegram Office.  
This competition will be open to all until Thursday, Nov. 26th.

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## Here and There.

TRAIN CONNECTION.—The express by Sunday's express will connect at Lewisporte with the Clyde for all ports in Notre Dame Bay, and onwards formerly.

Don't forget the G.M.H. Sale at Grenfell Hall, Tuesday, Nov. 24th. Delicious afternoon teas served from 3 to 6.

TRAIN NOTES.—The express train arrived at 12.45 p.m. Yesterday's express is making good headway across country and is due at Port aux Basques on time. The express with Caribou's mails and passengers left Port aux Basques at 8.30 a.m.

Delicious Candles for sale at the G.M.H. Sale, in the Grenfell Hall, on Tuesday, Nov. 24th. nov20.11

## BORN.

On Nov. 1st, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Milley of Somerville, Mass., U.S.A. (nee Mary O'Brien).

On Nov. 17th at Grace Maternity Hospital a son to Mr. and Mrs. J. Joy, 8 Bulley St., City.

## DIED.

This morning after a brief illness, Dorothy, age 13½ years, darling child of George and Bride White, 133 Bond Street.

Passed peacefully away at 2.30 a.m. to-day Sarah Ann, widow of the late Thomas Charles, leaving to mourn two sons and two daughters. Funeral on Sunday at 2.30 p.m. from 166 Gower Street.

On Thursday, 19th inst., Catherine J., beloved wife of William J. Halley, aged 50 years, leaving to mourn husband, two sons, two daughters, also two brothers, Alexander and John Fitzgerald. Funeral 2.30 p.m. Saturday from her late residence, 5 Mullock St. R. I. P.

Passed peacefully away on Nov. 19th, after a long illness, Thomas Power, aged 65 years, a native of Pouch Cove. Left to mourn are a wife, four daughters, one son, a brother and sister. (The deceased was the father of the young man killed at the Dry Dock not long ago.) Funeral will take place on Saturday at 2.30 p.m. from 27 Bemburgh Street, St. John's West.

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## New Arrivals!

**HARDWARE DEPARTMENT.**

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- Linseed Oil.
- Drill Bits.
- Peerless Gloss.
- Weather Strip.
- Stainless Cutlery.
- E. P. Ware.
- Chisels.
- Drawing Knives.
- Snapping Wire.
- Drop Knobs.
- Drayer Pulls.
- Manysue Oil.
- Nails and Chimes.

**Turpentine.**

- Leather.
- Chisels.
- Rubber Cement.
- Wood Cement Hangers.
- Screws.
- Spoke Shaves.
- Rubberoid Roofing.
- Spring Balances.
- Flashlight Bulbs.
- Batteries.
- Towel Rollers.

## SLIDES and SLEDS, Etc.

We have just received a large shipment of Slides and Sleds, Skis, Ski Harness and Poles, Skates, Hockey Sticks and Pucks. Get our prices before buying.

## ALUMINUM WARE

Longlife, consisting of Tea Kettles, Mixing Bowls, Sugar Basins, Butter Dishes, Child's Sets, Wash Basins, Fry Pans, Milk Saucepans, Sink Strainers, Colanders, Soap Dishes and also the A.B.C. Steamer will fit four sizes of saucepans.

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## CHARITY ORGANIZATION BUREAU.

Firms and individuals who dispense charity will find it to their advantage to make use of the Charity Organization Bureau.

Members of the above Bureau do not give casual relief without first obtaining a report on each applicant from the Secretary.

Immediate investigation and report will be made of all cases referred by members to the Bureau.

For further information, apply to the Secretary, Miss Jean Crawford, G.W.V.A. Building, (Phone 2079). Office hours, 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., and 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. (Saturday afternoons excepted).

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## TRY A BOTTLE.

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## Fire at Battery

This morning about 11 o'clock the East End fire apparatus was called to the residence of Howard March, Battery Road. The fire, which was located in a bedroom of the house, was caused by a child placing a lighted kerosene oil lamp against the paper on the room wall. The blaze, was quenched by the aid of the chemist and not much damage was done.

## BOOKED PASSAGE BY STEAM

The following have booked passage by S.S. Shiraz, sailing to-morrow noon, for Halifax and New York:—W. J. Phinon, Mr. E. Barnes, Mr. S. Holland, John Wilson, Louis J. Pittman, Mrs. Pittman, Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. M. D. Spooner, G. Spooner.

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