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FRIDAY, Jan. 4th, 1918.

### Sound and Fury.

With the limited time and space at our disposal, we are compelled every day to select for discussion some one topic out of those of public interest which happen to present themselves. The choice to-day clearly lies between the momentous developments in Russia, with the changes that they portend, and Mr. Coaker's anger. We think our readers will approve our judgment in making it in favour of the latter, as being easily the more important. For Mr. Coaker's anger is a terrible thing, and it is plain that he is very angry indeed. What on earth he is angry about we cannot for the life of us see. Has he not won a sweeping victory and greatly confirmed himself in the possession of that power which is to work the salvation of this downtrodden country? True, the exact methods which he employed in winning it were not altogether unquestionable; they were hardly the methods usual with the class which he describes as blue-blooded aristocrats and ordinary people call gentlemen. They were, to tell the truth, of that peculiar nature which the Germans have made familiar to us and which we have come to associate with all their dealings. But what of that? Mr. Coaker has no use for either aristocrats (of haematic peculiarities) or gentlemen, and he has several times expressed admiration of things German. As for the jealous and spiteful attacks that he has had to sustain, is it not a little undignified of him to show anger at an inevitable consequence of his great achievement? He was angry yesterday over four or five columns of the Advocate. "Tantaene animis coelestibus irascit?" Surely he should realize that such trials are the lot of all noble spirits, and Mr. Coaker's is a very noble spirit indeed—he says so himself. But we are not complaining; we are merely offering some friendly advice. The very greatest men have their faults.

We ourselves were the object of a far greater portion of this tremendous wrath, this Olympian lightning, than we could presume to think we deserved. We had been incautious enough to tell the truth—part of it, that is—about the F. P. U. We must retract or prove our assertions in court. It is to tremble! We can scarcely hold our pen. We can picture the scene that preceded this ultimatum—Mr. Coaker eagerly conning the pages of "Every Man his own Lawyer," title "Libel and Slander," to make quite sure what a libel really is. A pursuit of knowledge excusable in one to whom the subject is so strange and who never libelled another in his life! Mr. Coaker evidently thinks his great will frighten us. That makes no matter a question of courage. Well, we make no claims to the qualities of a V. C. but we are not afraid to face Mr. Coaker in any court of law. We are not sure that we would not prefer that means of bringing out a few facts connected with the subject-matter to the usual method of publication. We will add to Mr. Coaker's store of legal knowledge a point he may have missed, without any charge. A defendant in a civil suit may, if he wishes, put the plaintiff in the witness box. It would be interesting to have from Mr. Coaker's own lips an account, inter alia, of his trip through the Southern States, which included a halt at Ottawa, a city not placed by most geographers in those latitudes. We ask the public to wait and see whether Mr. Coaker himself has the courage to carry his threat out.

Finally, we ask the public to pursue the Advocate of the past few days and having the whole of this political scandal, to see and read and reflect the self upon the Thing that has secured control—only the most temporary control, thank Heaven—of the affairs of this unfortunate country.

### McMurdo's Store News

FRIDAY, Jan. 4th, 1918.

Wholesale Carbolic Soap is a soap pleasant to use, and an admirable silet soap, but containing, none the less, an appreciable amount of Carbolic Acid, blended in such a way as to be perfectly unobtrusive to delicate skins, yet potent enough to exert disinfecting and antiseptic influence. It may be called a perfect disinfecting toilet soap. Price 15c a cake; or 3 cakes, 40 cents.

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### The Political Situation.

Messrs. Squires, Gibbs, Giff and Ellis Resign from Executive.

The Lloyd-Coaker Party suffered another rebuff to-day. Yesterday the Hon. R. A. Squires and the Hon. M. P. Gibbs resigned their seats in the Executive, intimating that they could not occupy them under Dr. Lloyd's leadership and following Hon. J. R. Bennett's lead. To-day, we are informed, Hon. J. A. Giff and W. J. Ellis also announced their resignation. These withdrawals, which are only unexpected, are the most eloquent testimony to the unpopularity of the new government and ministerial opinion of the way in which it attained power. The Premier is now faced with the task of filling six vacant seats in the Executive.

### Invalided Soldier at Jensen Camp Robbed

One of the meanest thefts heard of in the city for some time has just come to light and the perpetrator been named. A lad named Koch, of German extraction and a member of the Forestry Battalion, went with others to the Jensen Camp to do some work. While there he "lifted" a watch from the bedside of a returned wounded soldier named William Winters, and then brought it home. On being questioned by Detective O'Neill a few days later, Koch admitted taking the "ticker" and went home and got it for the officer. Fortwith the thief was taken into custody. This morning he was arraigned before court and was convicted. Inspector General Hutchings prosecuted the prisoner most strongly, intimating that this was not a case in which any leniency should be applied, as was customary to men of the army, and said Koch was not only a disgrace but a menace. Mr. Hutchings eloquently showed that the victim of this theft and his watch were survivors of a big battle in which "Ours" had played so heroic and glorious a part. A fine of \$100 or six months imprisonment was imposed on Koch.

### What Thumbs Are Worth.

One has only to grasp a pen or a tool of some sort to realize that the different fingers are far from having the same value in regard to their usefulness in performing work. The most important is the thumb, for without it seizing or holding would be very imperfect. The hand is no longer pliers, but merely a claw, when deprived of the thumb. It may be estimated that the thumb represents fully a third of the total value of the hand. The total loss of the thumb is estimated by competent authorities as fifteen to thirty-five per cent. for the right and ten to fifteen per cent. for the left hand, except for workers in art when forty to fifty per cent. for the right and twenty-five to forty per cent. for the left hand comes nearer the value.

### Tobacco in Diplomacy.

London Daily Chronicle: Lord Morley's pious conviction that our quarrel with the Boers could have been settled if Mr. Chamberlain and Kruger had sat down at Bloemfontein with a tobacco jar between them is backed, oddly enough, by the greatest war maker of modern times. "How could any man," Bismarck was fond of saying, "let himself be carried away by passion with such a thing as a pipe in his hand?" When discussing the preliminaries for the surrender of Paris he offered the French Minister a cigar, which was refused. "You are wrong," said Bismarck, bluntly. "When you enter on a discussion that may lead to vehement remarks, you should smoke. The eye is occupied, the hand is engaged, the organ of smell is gratified—one is happy. In this state one is very disposed to make concessions, and our business—that of diplomats—continually consists in the making of mutual concessions."

### Reid's Boats.

The Argyle left Placentia at 9 a.m. yesterday, on the western route. The Clyde left Lewisporte at 3.30 a.m. to-day.

The Dundee arrived at Port Blankford at 4.50 p.m. yesterday.

The Ethie not reported since leaving Lark Hr.

The Glenoe left Port aux Basques at 7.30 a.m. to-day.

The Home left Filly's Island at 6.30 a.m. yesterday, outward.

DUE SUNDAY.—Owing to the Gulf service being discontinued, due to the recent snow storm in Cape Breton, passengers from abroad may not reach the city before late Sunday morning.

### To-Day's Messages.

10.00 A.M.

BOLSHIEVSKI ASSESS THEMSELVES.

PETROGRAD, To-Day.

Three appointments of Russian representatives abroad are announced by the Bolshevik Government. They are: Ambassador to London, M. Lesvoff; Minister to Switzerland, M. Karpinski; Minister to Sweden, M. Borovsky Orlovsky. All three appointments were exiles under the Imperial Government. The Bolshevik Government has turned over to the Revolutionary Tribunals, on a charge of resistance to the Bolshevik authorities, the following: Col. De Maler, Russian Military Attaché at the Hague; M. Yachoutoff, Japan; Col. O. Enkel, Russian Military Attaché at Rome; Major Gen. Yermoloff, Russian Military Attaché at London. England, France and the United States have asked of the Bolshevik authorities what disposition will be made of foreign property in the banks when the banks have become entirely nationalized.

STEFFANSON PARTY REPORTED IN GOOD HEALTH.

DAWSON, To-Day.

Steffanson is at Herschel Island and expects to reach Noma, Alaska, next summer, according to reports received here from Fort Yukon, Alaska. The entire Steffanson party was reported in good health. Northwest Mounted Police winter patrol left here to-day with mails from Fort McPherson to connect with a similar patrol from Herschel Island. The patrol will probably return in March with full details of the results of Steffanson's expedition.

SAY ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR RESIGNED.

BUENOS AIRES, To-Day.

It is reported without confirmation that Dr. R. S. Nalon, Ambassador at Washington, has resigned in consequence of friction arising from the publication of the secret telegrams, sent by Count von Luxburg before his dismissal as German Minister to Argentina, to Berlin through the medium of the Swedish Legation. In these telegrams von Luxburg advised sinking without a trace of Argentina ships and advised his Government concerning German propaganda in South America. Some of the despatches were withheld from publication for several weeks and it had been reported previously that Ambassador Nalon, who had sent them to his Government expecting they would be given out, was to be recalled.

AMERICAN NAVAL MATTERS.

WASHINGTON, To-Day.

Admiral Benson, Chief of Operations, told the House Naval Committee it was folly to believe there was a lack of morale among German submarine crews, and that from information from German prisoners he believed their morale was the best in the German Navy. During the session, which was private, in the course of the Committee's investigation of the Navy's part, Admiral Benson is said to have told Congressmen that the Court of Inquiry found that some mistake as to convey might have contributed to the loss of the transport Antilles, torpedoed by a German sub, with the first important military loss of the war. He also said that the submarine chasers didn't come up to expectations and that he was responsible personally for not building any considerable number. The number of American ships torpedoed, he said, were less than one per cent. of those going into and out of the sub-zone under escort.

CHINA'S PART.

NEW YORK, To-Day.

China already has 125,000 men behind the firing lines in Mesopotamia and France. Dr. Wellington Koo, Chinese Ambassador to the U. S., said here to-day before the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York. When the Chinese Commission in the U. S. return to their own country their advice to their Government will be a result of increased activity. China intends doing her utmost in this struggle against autocracy, the Ambassador said.

### Here and There.

S. E. GALE.—A strong S. E. gale, accompanied by heavy snow is now sweeping over Port aux Basques and the nearby settlements. It is feared that the train service will be greatly delayed.

Don't forget the Grand Social to be held by T. A. Band in British Hall, Jan. 7th. New Catchy Waltzes and Two-Steps. Tickets—Gent's (double or single), \$1.00; Lady's, 50c. Teas included.—Jan. 4, 21

GUESTS AT BALSAM PLACE.—A. Wilson and wife, Bay Roberts; W. Barnes, Brigus; W. Bishop, Cupids; W. H. Dorrity, Grand Falls; Capt. John Parsons, Bay Roberts; A. Vachet, Bay Roberts; F. Penney, Bay Roberts.

## LATEST

2.00 P. M.

RUSSIA MAY COME BACK.

The virtual collapse of the negotiations between the Central Powers and the Russian Bolsheviks for peace and the possibility that hostilities again may be resumed by the Russians on the Eastern Front, even though with only a comparatively small army, have caused surprise and perturbation in Berlin and Vienna. Realizing the seriousness of the situation, the German and Austrian Emperors have conferred at length with their chiefs of staff and the German and Austro-Hungarian Foreign Ministers who attended the negotiations at Brest Litovsk have been sent back there post haste probably for the purpose of attempting to moderate the situation. (Not finished.)

### A Deplorable State of Affairs.

A number of unfortunate female cases has engaged the attention of Judge Morris lately. Last night a misguided young woman, belonging to a northern outpost, who had been employed as a domestic in the city, surrendered herself at the mercy of the police authorities. Her condition warranted delicate treatment, but there was no room for her at the Maternity Rescue Home. She was taken in at the police station for safekeeping and this morning appeared in court. Judge Morris regretted the deplorable circumstance that there was no available place to send such women and emphasized that it was an imperative matter for the State to take up in the interests of humanity. He pointed out that he had been confronted with many difficult cases within the past month and found out that it was not the duty of the Poor Commissioner, as was thought in certain directions, to find homes for these women who had fallen victims to misfortune. He intimated that he was issuing a warrant for the arrest of the seducer in this case, which was all he had the power to do. He considered the whole episode a disgrace to our civilization and reiterated that something should be done—and done quickly, if not, some of these poor creatures, who are shortly to become mothers, will perish on the public highways.

### Observer Hides in Dummy Horse

NEAR ENEMY TRENCH.

History's ancient example of camouflage, the Trojan horse, has a modern variation of peculiar interest, says the January Popular Mechanics Magazine in an illustrated article. During the fighting near Craonne on the western front, some time ago, a horse broke his traces and dashed across "No Man's Land" toward the German defenses. When near the edge of a first-line trench he fell! The French immediately made the best of the opportunity and set camouflage artists at work fashioning a papier-mache replica of the dead animal. Under cover of darkness the carcass was replaced with the dummy. For three days observers stationed in the latter were able to watch the enemy's movements at close range and telephone their information to headquarters.

### Here and There.

When you want Steaks, Chops, Cutlets, try ELLIS.

MORE SMALLPOX.—Two more new cases of smallpox were reported in the city last evening.

When you want Roast Beef, Roast Veal, Roast Mutton, Roast Pork, try ELLIS.

WEATHER REPORT.—The weather across country is light N.E. wind, raining on east coast; temperature 20 to 30 above and raining on west coast.

Don't forget the Grand Dance in the Star Hall, Monday, Jan. 7th. Tickets—Lady's, 40c; Gent's, 50c.—Jan. 4, 21

OUR VOLUNTEERS.—No new recruits presented themselves for enlistment yesterday. There are now about 130 volunteers in training at Headquarters.

RELEASED FROM QUARANTINE.—A house on Gen Street was disinfectant and released from quarantine yesterday, an inmate who had been suffering from smallpox having recovered.

NO STRIKE.—We understand the Reid Nid. Co. have agreed to take back the expressman who acted as spokesman in the recent expressmen's strike. The strike which might have resulted in the walking out of the N.I.W.A. who are employed in the various departments of the Reid service will not come off. The question of putting labor candidates in the field in the forthcoming election will be considered at to-night's meeting of the Association.

## "Last, But Not Least."

KEARNEY, at SMYTH'S, "Your Hatter," wishes one and all a Bright and Prosperous New Year, and begs permission to state that if he's in the "rear" with his New Year Greetings, he leads the "van" in Fashions for Men all the year round.

GEO. F. KEARNEY.

### Eating Walrus Whiskers.

Among the Smith Sound tribe of northernmost Greenland the favorite diet is walrus meat. When one of these gigantic animals has been harpooned and, after a struggle sometimes lasting many hours, is finally dispatched, his 2,000 lb. carcass is towed to the ice edge and hauled out for butchery.

Shoulders, flippers, and sections of the trunk are buried under a pile of stones to guard against the depredations of thieving foxes. Entrails are raked out and fed to the famished wolves which form North Greenland dog teams.

Follows then the feast. For entree a segment of the outer flipper has been saved, a little stringy as a rule, but of a peculiar, rancid flavor exceedingly tasty to the native palate. The creature's stomach may contain several gallons of clams. One rip of a knife and the yellow lumpy broth foams out over the snow to the immense delight of the hunters. Instantly all turn to and swallow great mushy handfuls of the repulsive, half-digested mess.

By this time the pot is on and some thick lumps of meat and fat from near the backbone are boiling with fragrant (to the Eskimo) odors. Much meat has already been devoured raw by those too hungry to wait.

Men are almost full. Sleeping skins are spread. Tales begin to flow, dreamy tones. "Brother, a bit of mummik-to-suaq" (the most delicious part), one suggests. At which a young man rises and goes out. Presently he returns with the huge tusked head. Dangling from it is a foot or so of thick, white whiptail. This is cut into short lengths, apportioned out, and eaten with the greatest gusto.—By Pittsburgh Green, in the January Popular Mechanics Magazine.

### Fads and Fashions.

Umbrellas are short and thick, with wooden sticks. The tunic blouse makes the coat suit more attractive. Fine cloth suits are apt to be ornamented with tucking.

TRAIN MOVEMENTS.—Yesterday's outgoing express left Quarry at 9 a.m. to-day. The next incoming express is expected to leave Port aux Basques late to-night.



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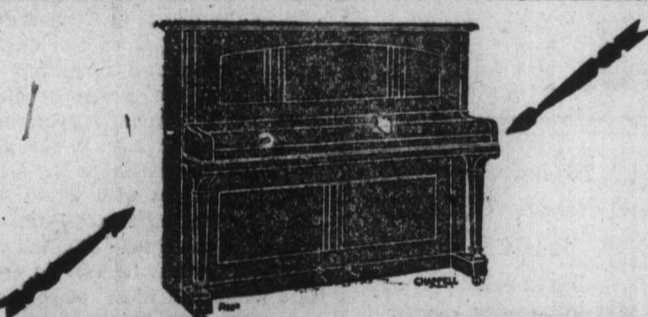
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