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ANTI-UNIONISTS

ALTHOUGH President Coaker has established the fact he is worthy of the trust and esteem given him by the thousands of fishermen toilers of this Country, there are quite a few people whose only occupation seems to be ever fault finding and pelting mud at the leader of the Fishermen's Protective Union.

These Captains of Industry have been loudly prophesying during the last four or five years the collapse of the Union and the downfall of Coaker. They have felt sure it would have come long ago, even now, though they know down deep in their hearts that the Union and Coaker are stronger than ever, they still keep up the pitiable wail and would have the Country to believe that their action are the result of their love and devotion to the common man.

How many of these kickers have ever raised a hand to help the Under Dogs of this struggling Colony? How many of them have ever given a serious thought to the many difficult problems that now confront this Country? How many we ask?

Blinded by hate and envy, disgruntled and sore they go out of their way to belittle the one man who has ever given himself up entirely to the herculean task of bettering the conditions of our laboring people, those who earn their living by the sweat of their brow.

They see nothing but blue ruin of the Colony should the organization that Coaker founded in 1908 secure control of the Country. They know, but will not admit publicly, that the Union has long ago justified its existence in the political and commercial life of the Colony. Equally as well, they realize, but again hate to make known publicly, that the most beneficial acts placed on the Statute Books of the Colony were forced there through the untiring energy and honest work of the Union Party led by the "Man of Mystery."

No serious attempt was ever made by them to deal with the conditions confronting our hardy fishermen who prosecute the seal fishery. Up to the coming of the Union conditions existing in this branch of our industrial life were such as no other white people under God's sun would tolerate, and when a MAN whose heart is with the toiling masses secures for the latter the treatment due human beings, instead of getting the credit that is due him by all right thinking men, he gets insults and uncalled for attacks heaped upon him by those who are not fit to tie his shoe strings.

Coaker has no need to seek public notoriety for his record of work well and faithfully performed on behalf of the masses is the best monument he could wish for. His name will be remembered by generations yet unborn long after

the names of those who have opposed him in every manner possible in his great work of uplifting the fishermen masses of the Country will have been forgotten. Some of those kickers shout: He has no commercial experience, he is not capable of handling the affairs of the Colony; he could not be entrusted with the political destinies of Terra Nova. The same has been said of thousands of men the world over who have risen from the ranks of the common people, and herein lies the secret of the man's success. His heart and soul are one with the Under Dog—the Toiler—who holds within his grasp the destiny of the land.

The new spirit born in our people in the never to be forgotten election of 1913 is now sweeping throughout the Island. The influence of Coaker and Unionism is spreading throughout the Country, and it is just as well for those kickers to try and count the sands of the sea shore as to stop the wave of enthusiasm that is helping our people to look forward to the brighter day which they see in the near offing.

Coaker is the acknowledged Leader of the Sons of Toil, the mainstay of this Country, despite all assertions to the contrary; and he will see that the people are not pauperized for the benefit of the plutocrat, nor the many consent to want that the few can waste.

The greatest crime against Coaker according to his enemies is that he has the audacity to think for himself and not accept the made-to-order opinions of those who would fashion things to enrich themselves at the expense and misery of the masses. He has been denounced as red-ragger, a Jack Cade, a political Anabaptist by those whose private snaps at public expense his leadership endangers; yet his most uncompromising enemies grudgingly admit he is exceptionally able and incorruptibly honest. How then can the best interests of the Country be endangered by placing an honest, and fearless man at the head of affairs?

His only aim is to promote the interests of the masses and not those of a selfish few—who have fattened on the work of others—and, who now, when they see the old ways and avenues of getting rich quick at the expense of the many disappearing set up their selfish wail.

ANNUAL MEETING LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE

We have been asked to state that the Annual Meeting of the Lord's Day Alliance will be held in the College Hall on Sunday evening next, at 8.15. The Lord Bishop of Newfoundland will preside and short addresses given by Revs. Dr. Jones and N. M. Gay, M.A.

NOTICE

ALL Councils in Trinity District will notice that MONDAY, JANUARY 17TH, is the day appointed for the Annual Parade. J. G. STONE, Dis. Chairman.

GLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS

JANUARY 14 FIRE in Merchant's block, Water Street, 1859. Cats' Cove prisoners liberated, 1802. William and Henry Thomas failed, 1864. Demonstration for A. Shea, after his election at Harbor Grace, 1874.

Two students of C. E. Theological College, named White and Barbour, drowned while skating on Quidi Vidi Lake, 1874.

John A. Edens, grocer, died suddenly, 1889. Fire at John Tarehin's store, Water Street, 1889. Prince Albert Victor, eldest son of Prince of Wales, died, 1892. Cardinal Manning died, 1892. Henry Verrin, of Placentia, and Miss Legay married, 1891. Tasker H. Cook married to Miss Pennock, 1891. James Boland, carpenter, died, 1891. Cardinal Simeoni, papal secretary, died, 1892.

CHILDREN PLACED.—Thomas Warren, of Woods Island, Bay of Islands, wish to place two motherless children aged nine and five years. Any person willing to take such children as their own, should communicate with the above.—Jan 4, f, daily

WORLD'S PRESS

New York Sun.—It is not improbable that the spring of next year will find the country with more work to be done than men to do it.

New York Times.—The Germans and the Austrians seem to be absolutely determined to make the rest of the world understand that they have detached themselves from civilization and are frankly given over to barbarism in this war.

Chicago Tribune.—Whenever the American examines more closely the relations of the United States and Germany, he grows more convinced that Germany in seeking territory has revealed frequently a calculated disregard for American interests without hostility, very likely for the American people, but without intent to permit American interests to stand as barriers in the way of German interests.

St. John Times.—Will the city and province be able to provide their quota of Canada's new army without conscription? This question is being asked on every hand, and there are many persons who answer in the negative. They assert that we cannot voluntarily recruit more men than have been recruited in the last seventeen months and do it in less than half the time. That is really what we are called upon to do—to provide more men in less than half the time; for Sir Sam Hughes wants the new army to be ready by the end of next summer. If the thing is to be done a great new impetus must be given to the recruiting campaign.

Philadelphia Record.—Greece's predicament, literally between the devil and the deep sea, shows the Entente allies in their undisputed naval control. If the Central Powers France on land, Great Britain and France can respond by showing how easy it would be for their ventures to blow out of existence numerous Greek cities and towns located on the mainland or islands. These islands, such as Crete, could also be seized and held indefinitely. No wonder King Constantine vacillates from side to side. Possibly in the end his country would have feared better if it had acted honorably and kept faith with Serbia.

Hamilton Herald: So long as the British navy is intact Britain is safe—and so is Canada. Because of that mighty power we are as secure from overseas attack as are the people of any neutral country. We know but little of the war by actual experience. It touches us only through those who represent us on the firing line. All the more reason why Canadians should be generous in their contributions to all worthy war funds. The signs point to a year of prosperity for Canada; but prosperity will prove a doubtful blessing if it be not accompanied with the desire and determination of our people to increase their efforts in aid of the cause for which the empire is at war.

Monetary Times.—There is much food for thought in the warning which Sir George Foster gave in an address recently. Canada has been in the habit of doing as little as possible for herself and calling on the resources of the banks and lending companies, in the last few years," he said. "There has been a constant stream of money, millions and hundreds of

From Our Naval Lads.

R. S. Sub Dept., Sheerness, Dec. 12, '15.

Dear Mother—Received your letter of Nov. 14th to-day and am glad to hear you are all well. It seems that the war is continuing as bad as ever and no one knows when it will be over.

You said you were writing on Sunday and father had gone to church. I wish I could have gone with him; I have been to church only once Sunday since I've been here, but we sometimes have prayers in the depot, and a few nights ago we had a concert, all who took part were soldiers and sailors; it was to give a send off to eight hundred fellows who were leaving for the Balkans, there are a lot of others going pretty soon.

The Lieutenant is as good to me as a father; he thanks me for saving his life when we took the landing party to Belgium and has often spoken to me about it since. You need not worry about me, for I am in good health and spirits. I only wish I could get home to spend a few weeks of Christmas. I saw by the papers that nearly all the steel ships of the Newfoundland sealing fleet have been sold to the Admiralty for war service.

Remember me to all friends. Best love to yourself, father and all the children.

Your loving son, WILLIAM H. ROGERS.

"WHITE WEEK" SALES STOPPED IN BERLIN.

BERLIN, Jan. 4.—The inventory sales, which at this season of the year usually crowd the streets of the shopping districts with bargain-hunters, have been prematurely ended this year by an order of the military authorities forbidding during January all kinds of special sales, such as inventory and season sales, the linen sales peculiar to Berlin and Paris under the name of "white week" sales and other specially-advertised closing out sales.

The prohibition also affects advertisements of reduced prices on women and knit goods, and clothing made of them. The downtown district, which yesterday, the first day of the inventory sales, was unusually crowded, to-day bore a decidedly sub-normal appearance.

millions, sums incalculable and beyond our simple conceptions. Credit has been too good, resources too great and optimism unbounded. We have unlocked the doors of the vaults and have revelled in loans. There is food enough in flesh and vegetables wasted in Canada every year to feed every hungry mouth if conserved and saved. Authorities in Britain state that the majority of people should save 10 per cent, more than usual, and the more wealthy, 20 or 25 per cent. Are we doing it?

Toronto Mail and Empire.—It is said the reason Germany and Austria-Hungary use every occasion possible to flout the United States short of actually provoking war upon themselves, is to rouse the indignation of Americans at the helplessness of the nation. Germany and Austria-Hungary are trying to egg the United States into creating a great navy and great army in the hope that some day there may be a conflict with Britain. They would use the United States as a tool for the end they cannot achieve. But that policy cannot prevail, for the United States knows that Britain is fighting the war of civilization against Germany, and, with the reign of militarists vanquished the reign of Force will end. The war will have been futile unless it is followed by more stable international relations.

BUGLER BILL

The moon was shining as the moon will shine

When the Kaiser's bones are dust, While Jimmy and I in the firing line Were filled with the sniping lust Bugler Bill lay stiff and still. With a bullet in his brain: That spouted muddy rain: I can see him now with his raid-swept brow. Almost within my reach. When my eyes saw red and out of my head Went all that the war-wise teach. "Jimmy," I said, as I crawled to his side. "They've plugged me in the chest, I tried to save poor Bill for a grave. But I guess I'll join him West!"

"Lie still in bed," the Sister said. "Both arms are blown away; You mustn't speak, you're far too weak. And will be many a day." "But where is Jim, tell me of him— Is he all safe and sound?" I murmured low as she turned to go. Her eyes upon the ground. But she swung on heel, and she made me feel Like a cur as she brushed a tear; "Your comrade died when he nobly tried To bring you to the rear!" Dear Jim, with you and my arms gone too. I can't avenge poor Bill. But I'll lie in the moon and pray for a boon That the God of Justice will!

MOVING AGAINST THE SUEZ CANAL

Germany's march upon the Suez Canal and upon Egypt has begun. The strategists of the central powers are convinced that an attack upon England's road to India presents the surest prospect of bringing the struggle to a close by a decisive blow at the Achilles heel of their chief foe.

With the development of this phase of the world war, the activities of German and Austrian submarines in the Mediterranean and their energetic employment against enemy ships is dictated by an imperative requirement of war—the frustration of Britain's efforts to transport a large number of troops and vast quantities of supplies to Egypt for the defense of the gateway to India. It may be reasonably expected that the under-sea campaign, instead of diminishing in intensity, will become increasingly effective as the operations against Suez develop.

Several neutral powers—and at least one belligerent, Japan—have already abandoned the Suez route for their shipping. They have taken this step on the theory that a maelstrom is a poor route for a navigator; that the space between the ropes in a prize ring during the progress of a mill is no place for an innocent bystander.

By this display of reasonable caution the problems of the seaway in the Mediterranean region, tragically complicated at best, will be simplified to some extent.—N. Y. Evening Mail.

TWENTY WERE LOST AS "KANAWHA" CAPSIZED.

Gallipolis, Ohio, Jan. 5.—Reports received here said that more than twenty persons were drowned when the steamer Kanawha capsized in the Ohio River near Parkersburg, West Virginia, to-night. Of the sixty-five persons on board the steamer, only fifteen had been accounted for late to-night, it was said.

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A. G. HUDSON, Chairman.

Notice!

THE Third Annual Meeting of Harbor Grace District Council will be held at BAY ROBERTS on the 18th instant at 11 a.m. Prior to the Meetings of the Convention all Local Councils will please send Delegates.

A. MORGAN, Chairman.

Notice!

THE Fourth Annual Meeting of Port-de-Grave District Council will be held on the AFTERNOON of MONDAY, the 17th instant, at 2.30 p.m., at Brigus. All Local Councils will please send Delegates and prepare any resolutions to be submitted to the Meeting or the Convention which meets at Bay Roberts the following day.

GEO. GRIMES, Dis. Chairman.

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