

What About That \$5,000.00?

From the Advocate, May 16, 1919.

During the last session of the House of Assembly, the Hon. W. F. Coaker, from his seat, made a serious statement respecting R. A. Squires in relation to a payment of \$5,000 made him when Colonial Secretary, by the Reid Newfoundland Company. Seldom has an ex-Minister of the Crown been arraigned in such a scathing manner. So astounding was the statement made concerning one who had filled such high offices as Minister of Justice and Colonial Secretary, that Government and Opposition members, alike, expected an immediate and full explanation from Mr. Squires. A year has passed. The Legislature has been sitting since April 2nd, and will close shortly. Still, Mr. Squires remains dumb. Neither from his seat in the Upper House, through the St. John's Star (his personal organ), or in any other way has come even an attempt at any explanation. Why has Squires been dumb? Does he forget the statement made and its serious nature?

Does he think the public has forgotten, or will ever forget? Does he not realize the public will sternly demand an explanation at his hands? The statement above did not originate with a newspaper man or a man "on the street," who may be excused for a rash utterance. It was a cool, emphatic utterance, from his place in Parliament, by the Hon. W. F. Coaker, who, as President of the Fishermen's Union, M.H.A. for Twillingate and a member of the Executive, speaks with great weight in this country.

At the last F.P.U. Convention at Port Union, where the North was fully represented, there was made a stern demand for an enquiry into this \$5,000 payment to Hon. R. A. Squires. In no other country would such a matter be ignored. In England an enquiry would be compelled in twenty-four hours.

We ask, is not the time ripe for enquiry? Should not the Hon. members of the Upper House demand an investigation immediately? Why are such

men as Hons. Knowling, Gibbs, Goodridge, Anderson and others silent? Where are some of the officeholders of St. John's who boast they have to manage the whole public business of the country? Would they be as silent if Mr. Coaker or any F.P.U. member was charged as Mr. Squires was? Can anyone think that Coaker's opponents would allow him or any F.P.U. member to retain his seat, under such circumstances without wanting the fullest enquiry? It was only a day or so before Mr. Coaker made the above statement that R. A. Squires had the impudence to demand the withdrawal from political life of Mr. Coaker, because he did his duty towards country and fishermen. The same man raised the cry, through his paper, of "Throw him out." The same man read a private F.P.U. circular of Mr. Coaker's in the Upper House, which circular was probably used to influence the Upper House to turn down the Extension Bill.

Recent events in Opposition circles are significant. Why will not the Opposition select R. A. Squires as their leader, when they can get no other? Has this \$5,000 affair anything to do with their attitude toward Squires? Do they think that Squires' association with a party would ruin all its chances politically? The "Telegram" has taken a very pronounced stand, having given notice it will have no associations with Squires as leader or as a member of any political party. Why did the Telegram take this stand? In view of this, will the public be deprived of any enquiry? The House will close shortly. Will Honourable members of the Legislative Council be dumb as Squires is dumb? Action is demanded. The public will refuse to let the matter drop. They will compel, sooner or later, such an enquiry as was demanded by the F.P.U. last fall. The F.P.U. then demanded justice, which would exonerate the innocent or expose the guilty. Will justice be meted out?

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DIED.

On Friday, 12th inst., Samuel H. Moore, Crown Solicitor of Armagh, Down, Ireland, younger brother of James H. Moore and Daniel Moore of this city.

On September 23rd, Miss Ellina Campbell, aged 89 years; funeral on Friday, at 2.30 p.m. from her nephew's residence, No. 9 Larkin's lane.—21

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BIG WHEAT SHIPMENT.

ADELAIDE, Australia, Sept. 22. (Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—The former German steamer, Weissenfels, has sailed with a record shipment of wheat, totalling 11,654 tons.

TO PREVENT DUMPING.

COLOGNE, Germany, Sept. 22. (Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—Charles Gott, Chairman of the British Chamber of Commerce, in Germany, interviewed Herr Erbsberger, Finance and Her Science, Minister of Economics, in regard to the proposal to establish a clearing house in Berlin to control all exports from Germany to the British Empire, and imports from Great Britain to Germany. Interviewed by a Reuter correspondent, Mr. Knott stated that the German Govt. has consented, in principle, to a British official controlling the Licence Department of the German Department of Economics and any goods leaving Germany for Britain, or entering Germany from Britain, without the license of this department, would be confiscated. This would prevent the dumping of German goods in Britain, but Germany was at present unable to do any dumping, as stocks of manufactures in Germany were at present very small. The idea is that German manufacturers will make offers through the clearing house to some central British organization, and only such offers as are accepted will be allowed to leave the country. The British control of the clearing house will ensure that exports for Britain will not exceed the imports from Britain.

STEEL WORKERS STRIKE.

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 22. The struggle between organized labor and employers in the steel industry was in full swing to-day. In Pittsburgh and nearby districts, many thousands of men obeyed the orders of their leaders and failed to report when the whistles blew for day shifts to go to work. How many jobs in the walkout, and with what degree of effectiveness the strike was initiated, was not known definitely by either side in the contest in the early hours of the day.

CHICAGO FOLLOWS PITTSBURGH. CHICAGO, Sept. 22. Numbers of workers in the plants of the United States Steel Corpora-

tion at Gary, South Chicago, Joliet and Indian Harbor, all in the Chicago district, at midnight joined the nationwide strike of steel workers called for this morning, but early today neither union representatives nor officials of the company were prepared to give the exact figures as to the number of employees who had left their work. It was admitted by company officials, however, that others would fall to report for work at eight o'clock, the hour for changing shifts.

NEED HAVE NO FEAR.

BRUSSELS, Sept. 21. "The world need have no fear of a food shortage during the coming winter, providing there is proper care in handling the problem, and proper distribution," said George H. Roberts, British Food Controller, delegate to the supreme economic council, in session here to-day. Other delegates occurred in this view.

EXTENDING OPERATIONS.

PARIS, Sept. 22. Troops under Gabriele D'Annunzio, insurgent Italian Commander at Fiume, have begun extending their zone of occupation into Yugoslav territory, according to a Yugoslav delegation in Paris. They penetrated seven miles into Yugoslavia on Saturday, occupying heights at Risniak, dominating the surrounding country. Jugo Slavs did not clash with D'Annunzio's forces, executing this movement, the delegation stated.

SECTION 61 ELIMINATED.

PARIS, Sept. 22. The Supreme Council of the Peace Conference met this morning, and members will go to Versailles this afternoon to attend the signing of the protocol, annulling Article sixty-one of the German constitution providing for Austrian representation in the German parliament.

CASE DISMISSED.

PARIS, Sept. 22. The case against Senator Charles Humbert, growing out of alleged American contracts, has been dismissed by the court.

HIS BLUNDER.

Knicker. "So Jones got mixed in his excuses?" Bocker. "Yes. He told his wife that he had been up all night with the baby, and his employer that he was detained in the office on business."

THE DAILY DOPE

BY THE CUB-EDITOR

I'm sick of the stink Of Carter's ink And the creak of an office stool. Like a motherless child sigh for the With its valleys vast and cool.

The metallic clink Of the public link Has a hollow sound to me But O! for the shout Of a soul awelled out! Perhaps painless, but free!

I'm sick of the grind— The grind that I find Expressing itself in a sigh; While the adding machine Seems to sing in between "There's a rest for us all when we die."

By way of a change It's me for the range Where the silence rolls down from the hills Into valleys of wine That are really more mine Than the acres that lies in the till.

THE LEADING LADY'S LOSS. "I don't see how it could have happened," said the h.t. actress to the news gatherer. "When I came home from rehearsal I took off my necklace of pearls and laid it on this dressing-table. The window was up but the screen was shut. Of course a person could have got into the room from the fire escape but I hardly think it probable."

"Now, here is the picture of the house in which I was born and lived until I was ten years old and here is a picture of one I lived in from the time I was ten until I was twenty-one and here is a snapshot of me—no, no, ah—that other was my last home. Here is a brief biography of my parents and an autobiography of myself. Here is how I looked when I was a school girl. Here is my photograph taken when I was an understudy of Mlle. de la Cwryzt. Here I am costumed for my first performance in 'The Last Rose of Summer.' This is how I looked last Winter in London when I starred in 'Her First Husband.' Here is my likeness taken in Newport. Next week I am a leading lady in the comedy 'Thumbs Up.' Now, shall I send a man to carry these?"

The Sunday Supplement filler bowed himself out of the room promising to send up the staff artist, photographer and the kaleidoscope man and have a series of moving pictures made for the first page.

It is said that a full-grown elephant can carry three tons on its back.

MIGHT BE, IF SHE DID. A woman and her daughter were at sea during a terrific storm. After a silence of some time the mother asked, "Are you seasick, dear?" "No, I think not, mother," replied the girl, "but I'd hate to yawn."

THE PHILOSOPHER. A traveller in Ireland, in the midst of a severe storm of wind and rain, found a dilapidated cabin by the wayside, and entered. Through numerous cracks and fissures in wall and roof the food poured in trickling streams; only one spot of the littered floor was dry, and that was in the corner where an old covelet was suspended roof-wise, and underneath which sat the owner of the cabin, playing upon a fiddle. He ceased his music as the stranger entered, and offered him a set by his side beneath the covelet. "You seem to be musical under difficulties," remarked the traveller, after he had gained the shelter. "Faith, an' I siddle to keep away the blues," an' arivered Paddy. "Is this cabin yours?" "An' it is, bad scran to it!" "Why don't

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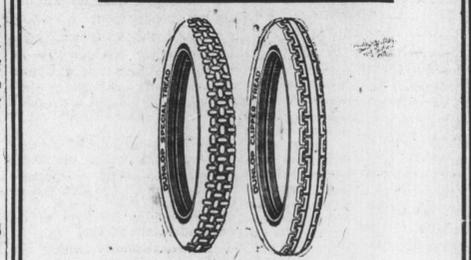
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