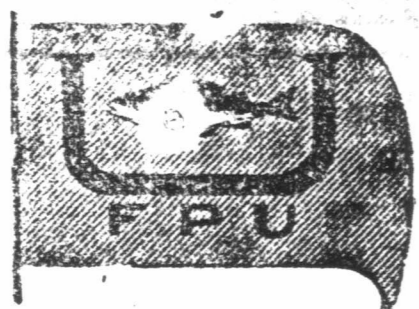


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OUR POINT OF VIEW

The W.P.A.

SUBJOINED we publish some extracts from a letter received recently by a prominent citizen from his son serving at the Dardanelles. We have seen the original letter and certify that the words published are exactly as written in the letter.

This brave lad states:
"What we have suffered from cold this past week nobody knows only those who went through it. We have no drawers or shirts, (meaning inside shirts) as we were told we did not need them."
"We have got nothing, absolutely nothing."

"Newfoundlanders ever generous to others, whilst **THEIR OWN FLESH AND BLOOD GO BARE.**"
"Men suffering from sickness, worn to a thread from hardships and fatigue."

What will the public, which has forwarded articles valued at \$250,000 to London since the war opened, for use of troops at the front, think of such conditions and such cruelties as those referred to by this brave Newfoundland Hero serving his King and Empire on the Turkish shores?

We demand an explanation from the W.P.A. We want to know what has become of all their hard work and collections to secure comforts for Our Boys at the front?

We demand that the W.P.A. attend to the requirements of Our Newfoundland Regiment before helping others who are likely well looked after by English ladies.

The Country will demand a rigid investigation into the causes of the conditions exposed by the writer of this letter.

The Country will demand from Lady Davidson, as Head of the W.P.A., an explanation as to why Our Troops have received no comforts from the W.P.A. since last Winter while in Britain. Hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of articles sent from Newfoundland have been dispatched to the troops serving in France?

What is Mr. Timewell doing at London?

What is he being paid for?

Why are Our Noble Boys left to suffer cold, without drawers or shirts?

We learn that scores of such letters have been received here from lads at the front, but all forbear allowing publication. Those seri-

ous complaints must be attended to immediately!

Have the Colony been deceived by the W.P.A.? What about the endless list of funds for almost countless purposes which have generously been supported? What has become of such funds?

Is it true that the English troops in France have received handsome contributions from the Newfoundland W.P.A., whilst our own flesh and blood have been treated with contempt, and allowed to suffer unnecessary and well nigh treated as forgotten?

How will Lady Davidson clear up this outrage against Our Noble Boys, who are dying in distant Asia for their King and for Britain, uncared for and almost unknown?

A Public Mass Meeting should be at once convened and a Committee organized to attend to the comforts of Our Regiment, and once and forever cut out all blundering and negligence.

The Public are too easy going or it would not have consented to allow such matters of such serious importance—matters that carry in their hands the Health and Welfare of Our Brave Noble Sons—to such inexperienced hands as the W.P.A., even though such an organization was led by Lady Davidson.

Much harm has been done. The duty of every citizen is to support steps that will make a repetition of such blunders impossible.

Wake up! fellow citizens, and make things sufficiently hot to ensue prompt action on the part of the Patriotic Association that will satisfy all the demands of Our Boys at the front, and show them that we are not cruel and inhuman enough to permit one of them to endure any unnecessary hardships while risking their lives to defend the honour and liberty of Terra Nova.

Extracts of Letter From One of Our Boys at the Dardanelles—Private Matter in the Letter is Omitted

"I SEE by the papers that our Women's Patriotic Association have made some thousands of shirts and socks galore. I do not know what has become of them, but the only stuff that we have got from that Association was a few shirts and cakes last Christmas at Fort George. Our fellows certainly need warm clothes out here, if we are to stay here this winter."

"What we have suffered from cold this past week nobody knows only those who went through it. It was not only cold by night but also by day. We have no drawers or shirts as we were told we did not need them. Also there seems to be an absence of many little comforts such as tobacco and thousands of other things such as fellows wish for."

"We have got nothing, absolutely nothing, only what we got through the regular channels which amount to nothing."

"The Fifth Royal Scots were here, and by gum, it was an eye-opener to us to see the stuff they got from home. Plenty of cigarettes, and tobacco, plenty of Scotch oatmeal, plenty of nut milk chocolate. I can tell you the Scotch people know how to look after their own. They have gone now and when they left they gave us what they had left over. I can guarantee you that it was a God-send to get it. I had some porridge two mornings ago for my breakfast, and although it was nothing to be compared to what I got home, yet it was the sweetest thing I ever tasted."

"We do not want to be mean enough to take everything the W.P.A. make, but I think that we are entitled to a share of it. It is only when we are out here beside other men, and see the things they get from private sources as well as similar Associations to ours at home that we realize what our people have not done. It is enough to make one disgusted with everything Newfoundland, and ashamed of his own Country, but after all

one is not surprised at it, for it is the same old story, Newfoundland ever generous to others whilst **THEIR OWN FLESH AND BLOOD GO BARE.**

"Now, Father, I am not talking of anything to you folks at home, for you have been to and myself, all that the word generous implies. I am speaking on behalf of the men, and from what I see around me every day. Men suffering from sickness, worn to a thread from hardship and fatigue, and whose once hale and hearty how are you, changed into, how are you feeling this morning old man, and the reply, "Just the same, boy," or "I was nearly dead last night with cramps." Others will say "Well I suppose we will go until we drop."

"I can tell you it is no exaggeration what I am saying for I see it around me every day. I am well and fit. Thank God, and so is . . . for which we are thankful. So you see a little milk chocolate and a few little comforts like those would be a blessing."

"No doubt so and so, sends the things made home to the War Office, and from there they are sent out to different regiments in France. Of course this is very nice and good, but still, the people's own Flesh and Blood get nothing. You should see how the Australians are treated by their own people. It certainly would open your eyes to say the least about it."

You might send me some Cigarettes, Chocolates, etc., and some other things. Pack them in tins and wrap up securely or I shall never see them. When you are sending pack the things in several small parcels. Be sure and do not send it altogether so that if one parcel is swiped I shall get the other. If I get wounded by that time, some other poor chap will get it, so it will be doing someone from Newfoundland a good turn, instead of some English Tommy in France who is getting thousands of things to our one, and who has a lesser claim upon you."

"Perhaps this letter will open your eyes, and make you think, 'Well I hope other chaps are writing the same as I am and make them realize that their own flesh and blood are fighting as well as others.'"

"I hope I have not said anything that would read as if I was hitting at you at Home. I want you to know that such is not the case, for I know—as well as if I was at home that you are always thinking of us, as we are always thinking of you."

"If I have made a mistake about the Newfoundland Patriotic Association I humbly beg their pardon, but we did not see it if they have made a mistake. Other fellows are talking and thinking the same as I am, so I am not the only one."

What Has Become of It?

WE hear little these days of the famous proposition which was going to make this country so famous, and we fear that the promises of the projectors of the scheme are not going to be

Economy Is Essential

EVERY utterance made by British statesmen to-day has reference to the necessity of personal and national economy. We do not seem to know the meaning of the word here, though it will not be long before our charitable organizations will be issuing their appeals for the wherewithal to cope with the distress which comes to the toilers with the winter season.

There is going to be a large demand on the purse of the better provided this winter, as we have had in the city of St. John's very little employment except that provided by the Municipal Council during the summer. Numbers of skilled mechanics have been working on short time and they have not been able to meet even their current expenses.

It behooves all to economize just now so that we may be enabled to lend a helping hand to the less fortunate. This is a duty which should not be overlooked.

We wish to remind the Government Departments that economy is also a duty with them and that the extravagances which have characterized the Morris Administration should be eliminated.

Remember Napoleon

New York World:—Napoleon in 1812, at the beginning of his Russian campaign, talked rashly of marching through Moscow to the Granges. Germans who hastily propose to invade Egypt and India by way of Constantinople may need to remember Napoleon's example and his troubles in getting home.

The Progressive "Fade-Away"

MR. GARFORD, of Ohio, the leader of the Progressive party in that State, has found a new reason why his organization should give up. He tells it to a New York reporter. He has discovered that the American people have a very strong desire that there should be "only two parties" in the Presidential election next year. For a set of polite gentlemen like the Progressives, this hint is enough.

If informed that "three is a crowd," they will not hesitate to take themselves out of the way. Yet in thus burying their party they score the complete triumph of one of its leading principles—"let the people rule." The people have ruled that there shall no longer be a Progressive party, and so, in obedience to the inner law of its life, it gracefully seeks death. By expiring, it wins a greater victory than it was able to compass while living.

realized for some time. Capital just now has its purse strings tightly drawn, and it will be a long time before the famous Newfoundland Products Company can become a realization.

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A Huge Plot

THERE has just been unearthed a huge plot to cause trouble in the Dominion of Canada, and it is said that plans have for some time been arranged by which German reservist and other haphermates from across the border would invade Canada. The plan would have matured were it not for the secret service of the United States.

Yet notwithstanding the vigilance of the service of Uncle Sam, things are happening every day that would indicate that sufficient vigilance is not being exercised. This has been exemplified within the past few days in connection with a line of steamers owned or directed by one Wagner which are supposed to carry cargoes of coal to South America. It is known positively that cargoes are simply intended for a base of supplies in one of the South American Republics, and should any German ships get out of the Kiel Canal or out of the Baltic they will make their way across the Atlantic to harass shipping of the Allies especially the wheat laden vessels coming from South America.

Explosions of munition factories are occurring almost daily, and Montreal had a large scare some days ago when bombs were found on the banks of the Lachine Canal. One can hardly conjecture what is going to happen these days.

Canada is honeycombed with Hun spies and mischief workers, and the Canadian authorities are kept busy these days watching the situation.

Submarine Menace

THE activity of Teutonic submarines in the Mediterranean is, of course, closely connected with developments in the Balkans. Sending Allied troops into Salonica, on a scale demanded by the seriousness of the situation, imposes a strain upon the Allied fleets such as they have not previously experienced.

Hitherto it has been the British boast that two and a half million men have been ferried to and from England with a loss of less than one per cent, and this loss was almost entirely in the Mediterranean. With a larger proportion of troops now going to the Near East, and the German Admiralty transferring its main submarine operations from the North Sea to the Mediterranean, the toll paid by the Allies is bound to rise.

There is no possibility of guarding the long sea passage so effectively as the short lane across the Channel has been guarded. From Marseilles to Salonica is a matter of week's voyage for passenger ships in times of peace. From Alexandria to Salonica is three days.

The offset to this difficult situation is that the German submarines must also set out from the North Sea harbors for a long and perilous trip to southern waters. But once in the Mediterranean, there are the Austrian ports to serve as a base. From now on great Britain must be prepared for much greater casualties at sea than she has hitherto sustained.

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