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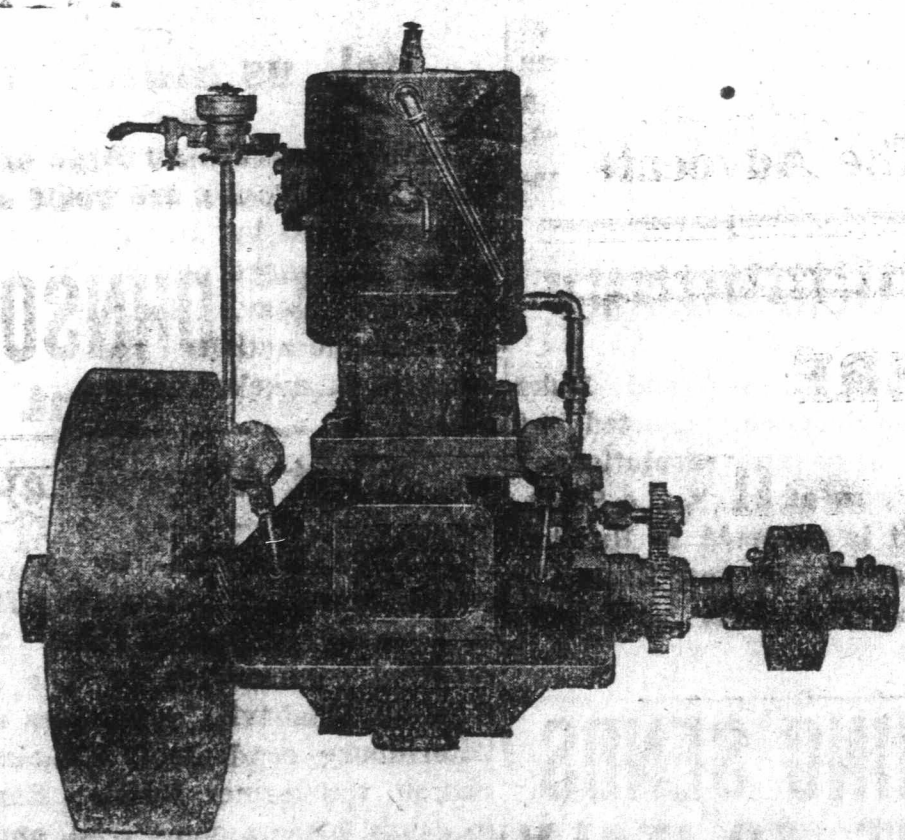
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CONCEPTION NOTES

I wish to announce, Mr. Editor, by way of preface to my friends that I still hold the trenches after having withstood the greatest siege of my short journalistic (pardon the presumption) career, occasioned no doubt by the writing of certain notes (verily, the pen is mightier than the sword) to your paper in which I had the temerity to criticise the actions of certain public officials. The weapons used in this most formidable assault were scandal, slander and vilification, but as I gaze through the smoke of battle—now being gradually dispersed by the gentle zephyrs of tranquillity—I behold that glorious symbol of Justice—the Union Jack—still proudly floating at the masthead. Before going further I propose, with your permission, Mr. Editor, to arraign myself before the bar of public opinion, and I am quite satisfied to accept the censure, if I deserve it, of any fair-minded man. The fact is a few celebrities, led by one who has the knack, and *ad captum vulgus*, dare to usurp my right to discuss public affairs and I defie them. "When vice prevails, and impious men prevail."

The post of honour is a private station. It seems that I have incurred the displeasure of three very important functionaries, viz., the Dispenser of Justice in the ancient and time-honoured district of St. John's, the Postal Official of Bacon Cove, and a certain celebrity in the Public Works Department. In order to justify my criticisms of these officials I crave your permission to give the following reasons:—My regard in the first has been totally annihilated and butchered; the second has handled His Majesty's mail—of which I receive as much or perhaps a little more than the average man—in a very slipshod fashion, and the reason for my criticism of the manner in which public moneys have been expended is, I travel two thousand miles a year over these roads that I have written about, and that I am a free and independent elector, and that I have every right to discuss public matters. If these powers could put the screws on me they would be glad to do so, but I would remind them of the learned Dr. Johnson's opinion on these matters:—"If nothing may be published but what civil authority shall have previously approved, poor must always be the standard of truth; every dreamer of innovations may propagate his projects, there can be no settlement; if every murmurer at government may diffuse discontent, there can be no peace; and if every skeptic in theology may teach his follies, there can be no religion."

But Mr. Editor, it is the old, old story. As long as you sit still and say nothing you are alright, but the moment you call attention to a heinous wrong or a shameful crime, those whose iniquities you have disclosed combine with your enemies in order to make a busy public believe that it is you who have exposed the crime who is the real criminal, while they, poor innocents, are the injured parties, for whom a respectable public should have nothing but sympathy and commiseration.

The Road Grants have been expended and what with the closing of public graves and the giving of grants to political partisans instead of to the duly elected Boards the roads have received more than their usual dose of red clay. Where is the need of paying a Convener and Secretary eight dollars of our already small grant for roads if those to run an election in authority are followed to abuse the Act with impunity?

Mr. Charles Gushue had a letter last mail from his son, "Charles," who is with "The King's Own Canadian Regiment," and we are glad to learn that he is feeling in the best of health. Charlie has been three and a half years at the front, and although he is anxiously looking forward for the cessation of hostilities, yet he says that he is determined to fight to a finish until German militarism will never more terrorize the world with its hellish atrocities. The hand that shells the cradle isn't the hand that rules the world and the inevitable end, the total annihilation of Prussianism, must come sooner or later; sooner we trust, and we hope in the near future to have the pleasure of giving "Charlie" a hearty welcome home.

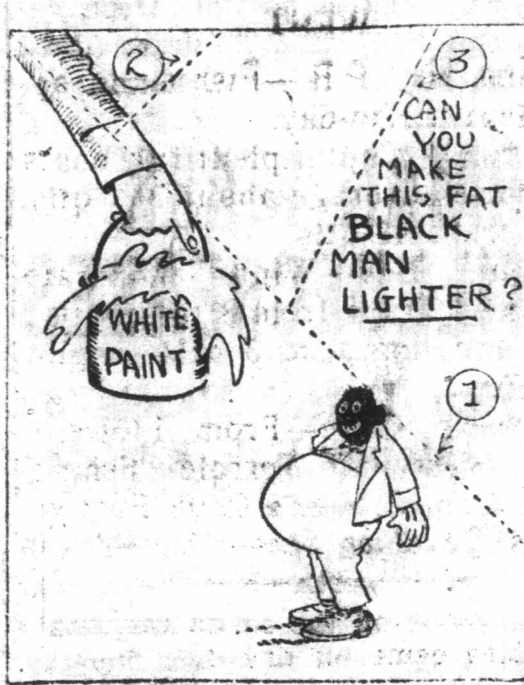
It gives us much pleasure to learn that our old friend, Mr. John Walsh of Bacon Cove, has achieved considerable prominence since his engagement as shipbuilder with the Raymond Concrete Company of Philadelphia. "Jack," as he is popularly called, has been working at Hog Island for the past five months, and on May 31st the employees of the above named company held a flag raising, in which he displayed his mechanical ingenuity and earned for himself the hearty approval of his employers and subsequently his promotion as foreman.

I quote the following extract from an American paper:—"The pole on which the flag was raised was manufactured out of discarded timber by John Walsh, a veteran Newfoundland shipbuilder, now employed at Hog Island. The absolutely perfect ball on top of the pole was made by Mr. Walsh with his shipbuilding tools." Congratulations Jack! That you may one day reach the topmast round in the ladder of success is the wish of your many friends in your native land, and in an especial manner it is the most sincere wish of your old friend—the writer.

Sergeant Thomas Mahoney paid a short visit to his native town, Conception, last week, and we were pleased to note that he is fast recovering from the effects of the hard treatment he had received from the German sharpshooters while fighting the Empire's battles in France. Sergeant Mahoney came to see his mother before taking his departure for England. He was commissioned to go across with a batch of our men, and we presume that they will undergo further training preparatory to joining the forces at the front. Mrs. Mahoney's youngest son, Leonard, has enlisted in the American army and at present is studying for a Lieutenant's commission. Mrs. Mahoney was left a widow when her children were quite young, and great credit is due her for the way in which she has raised her sons. She worked hard in order that her boys may get an education and, without meaning to be egotistical, I may here remark that Leonard, who is an old pupil of your correspondent, was one of the first to pass Intermediate Grade from the High School, Conception. We wish Mrs. Mahoney may enjoy many happy days. "After the war drum throbs no longer and the battle flag is furled"—with her boys, to whom she is so devotedly attached.

CORRESPONDENT.
Conception, June 24th., 1918.

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District Grand Lodge Holds Annual Meeting

The adjourned annual meeting of the District Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M. E. C. was held in the Masonic Temple last evening. After the reports were presented and the Grand Master, Hon. J. A. Clift, K.C., C.B.E., delivered his annual address, he appointed and invested the officers for the ensuing year as follows:

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R. F. LeMessurier—P.D.G. Steward.

George Morris—D. G. Tyler.

As a special mark of appreciation of the services rendered by District Grand Secretary Edgar and District Grand Director of Ceremonies Barker, the former was given the rank of Past Senior Grand Warden, and the latter of Past Junior Grand Warden.

Red Cross Line

G. S. Campbell & Company, agents for the Red Cross Line, are advised that the company have chartered the steamer "N. F. Hoffding" to go on a regular service between New York, Halifax, and St. John's, Nfld.

The "Hoffding" is a modern cargo carrier with a capacity of 20,000 barrels, and the local agents are pleased to announce to their regular shippers that they will now be able to take care of all shipments offering.—Halifax Chronicle, June 24th.

An express bringing a foreign mail and several passengers arrived here at 5 o'clock last evening.

Police Court

The second round between the bel-ligerents of Rossitor's Lane came off this morning. A witness proved that the filthy language complained of had been used and the victor in yesterday's legal battle went down to defeat. She was fined \$2.00 and costs, with the caution if they again appear in court a \$10.00 fine will be handed out to them.

Weather Forecast

TORONTO (Noon)—Light to moderate winds, fair and moderate warm; Saturday strong southerly winds and shower on West Coast.
ROPER'S—Bar. 29.85; Ther. 78.4

The crew of the Crosbie "Waterwitch," Capt. Rose, which was lost on a reef near Gibraltar, arrived here this morning, all well.

Famous Signals

Our books on naval history which give, in terms of flags, Nelson's signal at Trafalgar, will have to be brought up to date to include, in Morse dots and dashes, the immortal "St. George for England" of Zeebrugge. Our Japanese Allies will be the first to note the fine watchword for Togo, an intense admirer of Nelson, employed a variant of the Trafalgar signal in the great sea battle with Russia. Said he in his report:—"I ran up this signal for all the ships in sight—'The fate of the Empire depends upon this event; every man is expected to do his utmost.' The clarion foreword message from Sir Roger Keyes to the Vindictive is not excelled for brevity or effectiveness by anything in our records. Wellington's "Up Guards and at 'em" was really, he said, "Guards stand up," and the prelude to a general instruction. To balance the phrase from the terms of chivalry flashed into the midnight air at Zeebrugge, we must seek the opposite pole of patriotic exhortation; Admiral Sir Charles Napier's roar to his bluejackets at Acre, "Forward you—rascals! and fulfil the prophecies!"

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