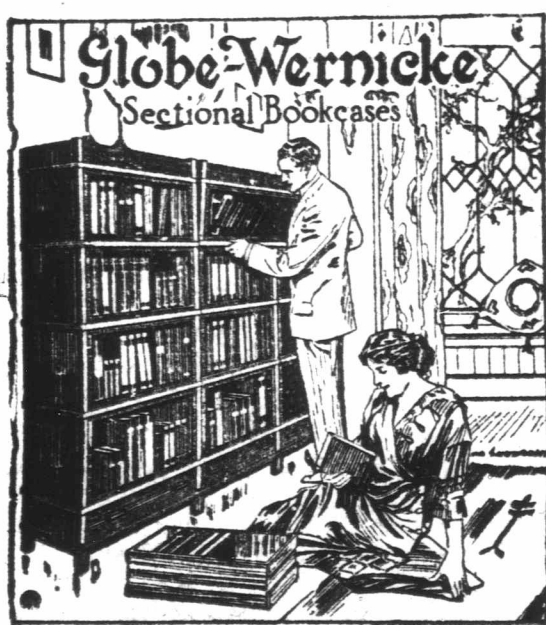


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(Johannesburg Star.)

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## Love Linked With Death

Where Women Propose Instead of Men.

In the Pacific Ocean, between Fiji, New Guinea, New Caledonia, and the continent of Australia, lies the Melanesian group of islands, where head hunters and cannibals abound. Although strange and gruesome are many of the customs of the tribes, there are some that are most romantic. For instance, on the Island of Tucopia the women propose marriage instead of the men.

When a girl of Tucopia sees a man whom she thinks she would like to have for her husband she does not rush up to him and ask him to marry her. On the contrary, she gives the subject deep thought and often the man a most careful investigation before she "pops the question." The reason is that his answer spells life or death to her.

It is a tribal law that any woman who has been refused must forthwith kill herself. Therefore, a woman asks a man's hand only when she feels sure that his answer will be the happy one.

Many are the strange and seemingly inexplicable questions with which the women of Tucopia ply the stranger, who cannot realize the personal motive back of the solicitude of the dusky belles who inquire if he is married or not, and the state of his wife's health. Romances are consequently very apt to turn out in happy marriage.

But there have been innumerable instances when a poor girl, smitten by the new-comer's charms, has been compelled to kill herself because the man with whom she has fallen in love has had to refuse to marry her.

Baldness with the women of Tucopia is a sign of beauty, and never until she is bald does a Tucopia woman become fully convinced that she is really lovely.

But, bald or not, she takes great care whom she asks to marry her, for the tribal law has never been known to fail. If a rejected woman does not kill herself she is executed by the leaders of the tribe.

## AN EXTENSIVE DEPOSIT OF MOLYBDENITE

Some time ago a very extensive deposit of molybdenite was discovered in White Bay by Mr. M. L. Parrell. It was visited recently by an American mineralogist and a mining expert in the interest of American capitalists, who have pronounced it of exceptional value, there being a very large quantity of high percentage ore accessible with very little development outlay.

Capt. Dan Kinsella, a local mining captain of long experience, was sent to examine the deposit on behalf of some local gentlemen and returned by the Prospero yesterday. We understand that he reports the lode to contain a very large quantity of ore which is easily mined. He says it is one of the most promising properties he has ever examined.

Molybdenite is a rare mineral and very valuable. Only in Sweden, Holland and one or two other European countries has it been mined in any large quantities and it is said that it has never been discovered in the formation and of the high percentage which the White Bay deposit shows.

This ore is used in the manufacture of munitions and artillery and since the war commenced has been in such demand that explorations have been carried on all over the British Empire in search of valuable deposits. It is said that the British Government made enquiries of our local authorities for this ore last spring, though no intimation was given to the public that such was the case.

The last quotations in the American market was \$3.75 per pound for the concentrates of this ore. The demand has become greater with the entrance of the United States in the war. Molybdenite is now being substituted for tungsten, the supply of which is far below the demand all over the world.

The average percentage of Molybdenite deposits worked in other countries is from one to three. The White Bay deposits has shown an assay here and in the United States from 7 per cent to 12 per cent. The American geologist who examined it described it as a unique deposit of molybdenite. Negotiations for its development are, we are informed, in progress with great prospects of satisfactory outcome.

Royal Naval Reservist Alfred Stuckless, of H.M.S. Briton, is now attached to the Water Street Recruiting Station as the Naval representative. Reservist Stuckless is a native of Tizard's Harbor, N.D.B., and was away on active service in the Navy two years and ten months serving on battleships and mine sweepers. He arrived back a few weeks ago and hopes to be going again soon.

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## NOTES FROM HARBOR GRACE

A considerable amount of heavy rain has fallen during the week and put vegetation in trim for another week of hot weather. The fishery prospects during the week were somewhat discouraging, but a better sign was seen last evening; a few traps at Bryant's Cove are doing fairly well, and one trap at Bristol's Hope has done well, having about 80 or 100 quintals under salt. Caplin have been exceedingly plentiful all the week; yesterday there was a vast quantity of these little fishes in the mouth of the harbor, they were so plentiful in places that motor boats would have their speed decreased as they would pass through them. Squid struck in very plentiful also. Mr. Archibald had quite a lot of them in his trap, and brought a quantity of them on shore; no doubt those who have a good palate for squid have enjoyed a good feast of them this week. The hook and line men on Harbor Grace Island have done practically nothing yet, they are not getting enough to eat; but they anticipate good fishing next month. Last year this time the hook and line men were far ahead of the trap men.

The method some of our fishermen have for salting their fish would seem a little absurd to West Coast fishermen; the majority of them pickle their fish in puncheons and barrels, and it is not uncommon to see magots floating in the pickle during hot weather; the West Coast fishermen and bankmen salt their fish in bulk, and no doubt this is the better method. There need not be half the bad fish if we had better methods for curing our fish, and it should be one of the duties of the Government to see that our fish is cured as good as possible. There are some people who have splendid fish, and others who have bad fish (a pity for our trade) but the man with the bad fish generally gets as good a price as the one who has the good, and therefore why should they worry. This is not only so with fish, but also with oil, some refiners put up beautiful oil, and others who sometimes boil sound bones with the liver, get just as good a price as those who are very careful, provided their oil is not fit to be condemned altogether. All engaged in the fishery, no matter what branch it is, should see that their article is good so as to secure new markets and better prices for it.

The S. S. Thetis arrived yesterday morning about 5.30 from St. John's, and left again about 10. She took a large number of passengers, amongst whom was Mrs. R. S. Munn and her two children. The first class accommodation is not sufficient on this boat for such route, and consequently a lot of first class passengers have to put up with unnecessary hardship during the trip, and of course the second class on these boats is generally not fit for human beings. And then again, there is something to be brought into consideration in connection with the sailing of these boats at St. John's. The people around the various places of the bay are generally advised that the boat leaves at noon on a certain day; but it is very rarely that she is on time, and the people that intend going on her are greatly delayed. This time it was very manifest to us. On Thursday afternoon it was a heavy down-pour of rain during the whole evening. A number of people, principally poor women and children, came here by the afternoon train, expecting to see the boat in about 5 o'clock, at least 6; they did not make any preparations for lodgings, for they expected to see the boat in at any minute; these poor people could be seen on Water Street during the whole afternoon in the heavy rain, and no doubt got a good wetting. This kind of thing ought, and could, be remedied, but what does the R. N. Co. care. Look at the state of the railroad, look at the accidents that occur, and still it goes on, and will go on until we get the Government that will adjust such matters, and look out for poor people.

On Wednesday a load of lumber arrived to the Nfld. Shipbuilding Co., and another load is expected soon.

By Friday night's train R. N. R. Nathaniel Snow arrived from England on a month's furlough; his many friends are pleased to see him home again.

On Wednesday morning Mrs. W. A. McKay, with four of her children, left for her home in Placentia Bay, to spend a time with her parents and friends.

Mr. Edmund Taylor, of the South Side, received word from his son on Wednesday last, to the effect that he was progressing favourably as a prisoner in Germany and that his wounds are healing very good.

The majority of the examination candidates finished up at Coughlan Hall yesterday; some of the candidates found the papers easy, and others found them difficult. On the whole the papers were a fair test of the year's work, and we look forward to good results in September. Those who worked hard during the year feel no doubt pleased in mind, over the outcome, while the lazy ones probably see their mistake during the year, and will try and remedy it next time. The primary departments of the various schools closed yesterday afternoon for the summer holidays until the first week in September. We wish the scholars a good holiday, and hope that when they come back to school they will be strong and vigorous, and ready to exert their energy on the first of the year.

CORRESPONDENT.  
Hr. Grace, June 30, 1917.

## Capital and Labor

(From Morning Advocate, July 3rd.)

THE Editor of the "Star" devoted considerable space yesterday in telling the public that Mr. Coaker should not be given any great administrative power in our public affairs because his policy is to fight the capitalist. The country is given to understand that if Mr. Coaker should get control he would likely make things awkward for the poor capitalist.

We can understand the motive for the "Star man's" great sympathy for the monied gentry, and taking all things into consideration we do not blame him so much. Our chief objection to this Editor is because of his twisting tactics. If he came out flatfooted on behalf of his friends, the capitalist, and persistently defended their side of the labor question, we would have much more respect for his opinions.

Who are the capitalists that the "Star" refers to, and where did they get this capital? The answer is not far to seek. The public has had an opportunity to get acquainted with them during the last three years as never before. The country today knows the local capitalist not only in an industrial sense, but in a commercial way as well, and we do not think they will soon forget them. We are presuming that the people whom the "Star" thinks have reason to fear President Coaker are our profiteering capitalists. We know of no outside corporation whose interests conflicted very much with the policy of the Fishermen's organization.

We believe with the Editor of the "Star" that if the Liberal-Union Party were in office today those people would not find their policy of wholesale commercial robbery as easy. Again with a minimum wage act in operation the poor would share a greater portion of those riches, and, of course, there would be much in such a policy for a capitalist-owned and controlled paper to take exception to. We are, therefore, not surprised that the Adelaide Street journalist should give vent to his feelings in relation to the awful things which he imagines would happen to those poor innocent capitalists if the Union Leader should get control. We do not think the "Star" man will find this theme a good weapon to stab his enemy with.

The average man is sufficiently well acquainted with the brand of capitalist we have in this country to know that unless the State steps in and fix the price of labour the workers' position is not likely to improve much, and Mr. Coaker has very little to fear because of championing that policy, even tho the "Star" Editor may raise his usual false issues to conjoin and deceive them.

## An Election Demanded

(From Morning Advocate, July 3rd.)

WE publish more Resolutions again today protesting against an extension of the life of the present Government. In all sections of Newfoundland the common people are as one in their desire to exercise their franchise privilege next Fall. Surely the Premier is convinced by this time that any ignoring of the country's wishes would be disastrous.

In most places the people are absent from home engaged in their usual avocations, and yet a representative protest has been received from about half the country which may be accepted as a criterion of what the feelings of the people are like. We trust that this state of suspense will be ended during the present week, and that provision will be made for the holding of the general election in accordance with the Constitution and the desires of the great majority of our people. Sir Edward Morris will find that playing the game straight is the best policy to pursue; anything else will not be tolerated by the people, whose will is supreme.

## THE NEW STEAM ROLLER.

Erection of the new steam roller is now nearly completed. All the heavy parts were in position on Saturday and as soon as all the minor fittings are in place the boiler will be tested and if all is satisfactory she will be pronounced "seaworthy" and will be ready for work. Mr. Hugh Doherty, machinist, has done good work in putting the machine together so quickly. The roller is the type known as the Buffalo Pitts Roller and was built by the Buffalo Steam Roller Co., Buffalo, N.Y. The engine is a double cylinder and is a neat and compact piece of machinery. The total weight of the roller is 30,000 lbs., the rear wheels each weigh 3600 lbs., they are 6 feet in diameter with an 18 inch wide rim, 2 inches in thickness which is connected with the hub by 14 stout spokes; the front wheels, or rollers each weigh 2300 lbs., they are 2 feet 4 inches wide, rims 2 inches thick, and have a diameter of 3 feet 8 inches.

Road Inspector J. Coaker with six men assisted Mr. Doherty in placing the heavy parts in position. The old roller has been in use nearly thirty years and is good for 20 years more since she was reclassified by Mr. Doherty six years ago.

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