

Evening Telegram

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THURSDAY, January 31, 1918.

The Merchants
and the F. P. U.

Despite the closer acquaintance which he has lately enjoyed with the courts, we do not think Mr. Coaker is yet a good lawyer or that he shows much improvement in that capacity for argument which is supposed to be the quality which distinguishes those most eminent in that profession. Not that he lacks arguments,—far from it—but those he uses are apt to be more numerous than sound. It is a good ground for dismissing a plaintiff's claim that it contains itself its own defence. Therein, perhaps, lies the most essential difference between law and journalism, at least if we can accept the Advocate as any representative of the latter. We cannot conceive for what purpose exactly it quoted at such length and with such commanding type the report of Hon. John Harvey's remarks to the Board of Trade on the subject of the F. P. U., unless possibly to show that there was one of the tyrant merchants at least who did not wish all the members of that excellent brotherhood to be hanged, drawn and quartered. While his remarks exhibited only the sound sense that we always expect from Mr. Harvey, we do not think he would wish to be singled out as being alone in his views and the brilliant exception Mr. Coaker would make him appear. No merchant that we know of has ever been fool enough to exhibit the slightest antagonism to the F. P. U. as such, representing as it does a large section of the class between whom and himself the closest commercial interests must exist to their mutual benefit. That no such antagonism at all has been exhibited in other ways we cannot pretend, though we wish we could; but that which has been shown from time to time has been more in the nature of a very natural resentment of the venomous, scurrilous, unjust and altogether untruthful attacks constantly levelled at the merchants as a whole by Mr. Coaker himself. The true keynote of Mr. Harvey's remarks is, we think, struck by the opening words of the Advocate's report, where it states that he "regretted the impression spread abroad by certain sections of the press that the one aim and object of the mercantile community is the ultimate destruction of the Fishermen's Union." This is quoted with evident gratification by the Advocate though it refers in the plainest possible way to the Advocate itself!

That impression is, in fact, the one impression that Mr. Coaker has consistently for years laboured to create throughout the country, the one impression which he will never cease to create as long as a certain state of things exist, which is the numerical superiority of the fishermen over the merchants, or, to put it directly, their greater voting power. Aiming always and solely at his own political advancement, he has sought to compass his aim by currying favour with the larger of the two important classes in the country, and, the better to ensure his success, has endeavoured upon every possible occasion to set them against one another. This again he has sought to do by the simple but contemptible expedient of representing them as being opposed, when in reality their interests have always coincided, and of appealing not to the reason but to the passions and prejudices of those he wished to win to his own side. Affecting to champion the fishermen, he has in reality harmed them more than their most open enemy. He has acted in every way like one who would stir up strife between the captain and crew of a ship, or set the man on the bridge quarrelling with the man at the helm. What would be the fate of a ship under such conditions? And what will be the fate of the ship of state if this troublemaker is allowed to set both factions of the crew at loggerheads?

Although this senseless strife between merchant and fisherman has been so sedulously fostered by Mr. Coaker ever since the formation of the F. P. U., and although he has so frequently boasted of the benefits he has thereby secured to the fishermen, we have yet to learn of a single instance in which the boat has been justified. If the one given by the Advocate is a fair sample, we shall have to wait a good while longer yet. The F. P. U. had as much effect upon the price of seal fat last spring as the South Sea Islanders; Mr. Coaker had as much to do with it as the man in the moon. It was fixed at the final figure by the operation of the most ordinary and simple commercial principle, the competition of the two firms concerned. It would have been fixed at that figure if the F. P. U. had not existed, if its worthy President had been still bathing at Palm Beach or exchanging weighty confidences with the statesmen of Ottawa. The claim is on a par with the "Coaker" recruiting. After all, what an easy thing it is to take credit for others' achievements! But isn't Mr. Coaker wasting himself in his petty and re-

stricted surroundings? Ought he not to seek a wider sphere and bring about, say, the end of the war? For we know that when that desirable consummation is achieved he is as likely as not to tell certain of his admirers in confidence that he did it all. But Mr. Coaker must be forgiven. If a man can only get others enough to believe everything that he tells them, he ends by believing half of it himself.

Casualty List.

(Received Jan. 30th, 1918.)
Missing Dec. 8th, 1917.
3357—Private Wilson Benson, 41
Southside Road.

Killed in Action, Jan. 30th.
1747—Lieut. Alfred J. Stacey,
Sound Island, P.B.

Previously Reported Wounded Jan.
19th—No Particulars—Now Reported
of 7th Canadian General Hospital,
Etaples, Jan. 29th.

2550—Private Parnus Hunt, Green-
wood, Shell Wound, penetrating chest
left thigh, severe.

J. R. BENNETT,
Acting Minister Militia.

Police Court.

A young rejected volunteer was before Judge Morris this morning charged with obtaining the sum of \$14.42 under false pretences. The lad pleaded guilty and the Judge in passing sentence, said while he wanted to give the boy a chance, this being his first offence, yet it was imperative to protect the public against crimes of such a nature, imposed a fine of \$25.00 or 2 months, and requested the father to furnish a bond of \$100.00 for the future good behaviour of the boy. The family is in straightened circumstances, a fact which the Judge took into consideration when pronouncing sentence.

War Menus.

TO SAVE WHEAT, BEEF, AND BACON FOR THE MEN AT THE FRONT.

(Prepared by Committees of the W. P. A. at the Request of the Food Control Board.)

Friday, Feb. 1st.
Breakfast.
Porridge (Corn Meal or Oatmeal).
Potato Cakes
Bread and Butter Coffee or Tea
Dinner
Fish Potatoes
Parsnips Onion Sauce
Cranberry Pie Tea
Baked Beans Brown Bread
Baked Apples Tea

Hockey Practice.

The Terra Novas and the Victorias had their first practice last night at the Prince's Rink and made an excellent showing.

The Felidians who have an unusual well balanced team will have a try-out to-night.

The fixtures will soon be taken up and it is hoped to have one round completed before the arrival of the Wind-sor team.

Buick Beauty.

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Sealing Steamers.

The following ships will comprise the sealing fleet this spring:—

Terra Nova, Eagle, Ranger, Viking, Thetis, Neptune, Diana, Erik and Seal.

With the exception of the Viking, Capt. W. Bartlett, which goes to the Gulf, the others will prosecute the voyage at the front.

Weather Report.

The following messages were received by the Department of Marine and Fisheries to-day:

Twillingate—Wind N.W., no ice.
Fogo—Wind N.W., fine; no slob.
St. Anthony—Moderate N.W. winds, fair and mild; no ice or slob.
LaSalle—Wind W., cloudy, harbor full of slob; coast clear; slight westerly winds; sky overcast; moderately cold; Straits blocked with ice.

Personal.

Mr. Jones, Supt. of the Seamen's Institute, leaves by Sunday's express for the United States on a business trip. The lectures given on Sunday evenings in the Institute will be discontinued during his three weeks' absence.

Major Sullivan left by this morning's train for points in Conception Bay, on a recruiting campaign for the Foresters.

Here and There.

C. C. C. Card Tournament, Mechanics' Hall, this Thursday night—Jan 31, 11

SUCCESSFUL MUSICAL.—The musical in aid of the St. Patrick's Church Completion Fund, held at Westmount, the residence of Mr. P. J. Shea, last night, was well attended and greatly enjoyed. Some of our best local talent took part and a handsome amount was realized.

The Menace to
the Country.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Sir,—My observations in respect to profiteering, and the responsibility of the Government in the matter, requires further elucidation than I was able to give yesterday. When the Coalition was announced in the House of Assembly by Premier Morris he gave in justification for the agreement with the Coakerites that it was "the desire of both parties to put Country first and party second. . . . to form a strong united party to deal with the question of Tonnage and Food Supply, and to be in a better way to cope with the difficulties and obstacles that come in our way." Mr. Coaker in preparing the way for the Coalition said, on the 22nd June, according to the official report of debates,—"A strong government backed by a large majority was wanted to deal with such problems as food supply, price of food stuffs, and other necessities of life. . . . Regarding the food question and a Board to control it. Why not appoint one man, a giant, on that board and give him full power, and let him do his duty, and not trouble about what Water Street says? Is there not one strong man in the crowd who will do his duty? One man who does not care for the opinion of Water Street?"

Mr. Stone said,—"The fishermen and laborers of this country were being fleeced since the beginning of the War. For instance, take food stuffs and see how they have jumped up in price without any interference from the Government. What was the Government doing for the past two years and a half or three years when they allowed importers of this city to fleece a people who could ill afford it at this particular time."

Mr. Hickman said,—"While I was in New York, when the price of food stuffs went up, the Government didn't appoint a Commission to investigate, but they went out and bought up the food stuffs and re-sold them to the jobbers and fixed the retail price at which the goods were to be sold."

And all the smaller fry said Amen. Let the public take notice of the fact that these men, who dominate the Government to-day, and who have exercised supreme power in the Council of the Government for the past six months have done nothing to meet the conditions they thus portrayed. Were those utterances only intended to deceive, and mislead those who they designate "underdogs" and "toilers" and "poor fishermen"? Or have they no "giant" or "one strong man in the crowd" who will do his duty. One who does not care for the opinion of Water Street? Or, was their professing love for the poor, their concern for cheap food and clothes and decent homes for the poor nothing more than a sham, an hypocrisy? Let the Fishermen's Union, who those men represent in particular, let the fishermen generally, let everybody who feels the terrible burden of the present high cost of living answer that question.

In view of the sufferings of the poor to-day from dear food and clothes. In view of the fact that since those men got hold of the Government six months ago, the price of food and clothing has not gone down but up, surely, we may hope that the above form of hypocrisy has forever lost its effectiveness. The people have met a bitter disappointment, and it must be all the more bitter because they have met it at the hands of their professed champions and friends. It has been well said that of all the agonies in life, that which is most poignant and harrowing—that which for the time annihilates reason, and leaves our whole organization in an increased, mangled heart,—is the conviction that we have been deceived where we placed all our trust.

I have said that the present Government have done nothing. They have done worse than that, for they have set up a make-believe. Instead of appointing "a giant," or, "one strong man who will do his duty," or, as Mr. Hickman suggested for the Government to buy up the food stuffs and re-sell them at fixed retail prices, they appointed what they termed a Food Control Board which is a standing joke in the community. It consists of a "Draper's Clerk, Mr. Grimes; an Engineer, Mr. Hall; a newspaper Editor, Mr. McGrath; and a Customs officer, Mr. McMessurier; the latter, the only competent man to deal with such a matter. They have done nothing, except to tell us that the Butchers are making more than fifty per cent. profit on beef, that the Farmers are unable to sell their milk for less than sixty cents per gallon, that the Butchers' factories prices are fair and reasonable, that the flour dealers will probably increase the price of that commodity, that we are using too much sugar in our tea, and that before very long we shall probably have to live on one small meal a day. In the meantime the taxpayers will be called upon to pay those gentlemen for their services, and the poor will go hungry. This is the first time, Mr. Coaker has informed his friends, through the medium of the "Official organ," that the fishermen have been properly represented in the Government of the Colony.

Yours truly,
VIGILANCE
January 29th, 1918.

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Bonanza in Herring.

From parties who arrived in the city by last night's express the Telegram learns that never before have fishermen made such big money at the herring fishery as is now being made at Hall's Bay and other places north. Fifty to a hundred dollars a day has been common for some fishermen to share for a week at a time. It is estimated that half a million dollars has been paid the fishermen by the purchasers this season. It is impossible to get men to work at any other kind of employment while the fishery is in, despite the fact that as high as \$5.00 a day have been offered.

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From Cape Race.

CAPE RACE, To-day.
Wind N.W., fresh, weather clear; no vessels in sight. Bar. 29.95; ther. 59.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES GAITHER IN COWS.

Here and There.

WEATHER REPORT.—The weather across country is light and dull, temperature 2 to 20 above.

ADMITTED TO SANATORIUM.—A resident of Hillview came in by yesterday's express and was admitted to the Sanatorium.

ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL.—Mrs. (Capt.) Marshall of Gilbert Street was conveyed to Hospital this morning in the ambulance.

TRAIN MOVEMENTS.—Tuesday's outgoing express reached Humbermouth at 1.20 a.m. to-day. The incoming express leaves Port aux Basques this afternoon.

REID'S BOATS.—The Argyle is leaving Placentia to-day on the Merasheen route. The Glencoe left Harbor Breton at 2 a.m. yesterday, coming east.

GUESTS AT THE CROSBIE.—The following have registered at the Crosbie: Wm. Barry, Montreal; E. S. Smith, Badger; W. W. Baird, Campbellton; Milton Steel, New York; J. M. Garsen, Woodstock, N.B.

ANOTHER CASE FOR HOSPITAL.—Albert Humphreys, of Botwood, arrived in the city by yesterday's express suffering from an attack of appendicitis. He has not been able as yet to secure admission to the Hospital as there are no vacant cots.

NO PASSENGERS FOR ABROAD.—Owing to the cross-country service being interrupted the past few days, passengers who were to leave by to-day's express for abroad have to remain over till Sunday, when it is hoped the Kyle will be back on her regular run.

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Friezes and Borders to match patterns.

Prices range from 27c to \$1.65 piece.

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