



Evening Telegram

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Tightening the Cords

The real Prime Minister of Newfoundland is now on his way across the Atlantic, but ere he embarked on his trip he left behind him a reminder that his power has not ceased to exist because of his absence. The invoking of the War Measures Act of 1914, in order to further restrict the export of codfish, excepting under the conditions of the Rules and Regulations of the proclamation of November 20th, 1919, shows plainly the hand of Mr. Coaker, and is further proof of the determination to tighten the cords which now bind all those exporters who are not inclined to be submissive to the ring combine. The control of the export of all codfish is the purpose of this new proclamation by a Gazette Extraordinary of Thursday's date.

This resurrection of the War Measures Act is the reply of the Coaker-Squires Government to the recent judgment of the Supreme Court, and is a defiance of the pronouncement of that august tribunal, whose unanimous verdict was that the Minister of Marine and Fisheries had no legal authority to issue permits to exporters, and that the proclamation giving effect to the rules and regulations appealed against was ultra vires. Yet Coaker, with that obstinacy so characteristic of him insisted that the War Measures Act should be availed of with the object of making every exporter yield to a measure which has been stamped by the highest authority in the land with the mark of illegality. Thus have the ideas and wishes of the Dictator been set above the high Courts of Justice in this unfortunate dominion, and thus though away from the country does he compel his marionettes to dance at his bidding.

For the information of those of our readers who have not seen or will not see a copy of the Gazette Extraordinary, the regulations are given herewith, the usual preamble only being omitted:

"Whereas it is necessary in the interests of the trade of the Colony that . . . the exportation of codfish should be controlled, I do therefore by this my proclamation, by and with the advice and consent of my Council, under the provisions of the War Measures Act of 1914, and the amendments thereto, and under all other powers vested in me, prohibit, from the date hereof (January 9th) the exportation of codfish to all destinations outside Newfoundland, except:—(1) Under License to be granted by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, which License may contain and be issued under conditions to be observed by the holder of such License, and such License may at any time be revoked by me (the Governor) in Council. (2) After the approval and confirmation by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries of the

sale, price, terms of sale, method of shipment and arrangements regarding the destination and consignment of each shipment of codfish to be exported under such License. (3) After the filing with the Minister of Marine and Fisheries of an affidavit made by the holder of such License, or his duly qualified agent, describing the quality of each shipment of codfish. (4) Under a permit for each shipment of codfish under said License to be obtained from the Minister of Marine and Fisheries and filed with the proper Customs Officer. (5) Under such Rules and Regulations as may be made from time to time by me in Council."

A strangle hold has been placed on the small shipper in the city and the export exporters by the putting into effect of the above regulations, which date from January 9th, the day following the delivery of the judgment of the Supreme Court against the November proclamation. There is little need of comment on such high-handed action by the Governor in Council at the behest of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries. The voters of St. John's West can well perceive the premeditated attempt to divert from the trades and labor industries the earnings hitherto made by them. They also see in this autocratic prohibition an imitation of Kaiserism and Prussianism, and one which their sterling democracy will for ever crush on Thursday next, a day big with fate for the future of Newfoundland.

End It Forever.

The Coaker-Torles, in their papers and at their meetings are making frantic efforts to persuade the people of the West End that the fish exporting regulations would, if carried out, result in great good to the country, and would do no injury to Labor in the West End. It is amusing to read the ridiculous arguments that they advance with the hope of deluding the electors till Polling Day. When the proof is every day before the eyes of the people of the city, it is an insult to their intelligence to ask them to believe that Coaker's fish exporting regulations are not going to paralyze Labor and trade in the West End. The people are not fools, and they will refuse to be hoodwinked by the specious arguments now being put forth by Tory newspapers and Tory spouters, in their efforts to turn the swelling tide of public indignation. There is nothing fair or equitable about Coaker's fish regulations, and they are simply going to work out (if they work out at all) for the benefit of the Hawes combine.

"The parson christens his own child first," is a wise old saying, and if only five cargoes are allowed to go to Oporto, when twenty-five want to go, we should like to know whose cargoes will get the first chance?

Ask the exporters of Grand Bank, Burgeo, Burin and Marys-town what they think of these regulations: ask Mr. Cheeseman, who is now in town with a petition in his pocket containing hundreds of names of his constituents asking to have these iniquitous rules set aside. The West Coast people know what is good for them and what is going to stifle business in their midst. The West End people who will be given the opportunity to vote next week, also know what is against their welfare, and before Squires and Coaker do any more injury to their district, they will vote them down and thereby ring the first knell of the death of the present Tory Government. The rest of the work of putting an end to their withering and blighting rule will follow in quick time. Labor men should take special pleasure in de-

stroying the combination that is destroying them. It is Labor's first great opportunity to get recognised standing in helping to make laws for their benefit, in Parliament, and if they miss this chance they will regret it. We want to see "business as usual" in St. John's West. We want men in charge who will have sense enough in the conduct of their departments to ensure a sufficient supply of coal for the people. We want men who will help to destroy these absurd Port Union fish laws of Coaker and Hawes, and who will let every man who wants to export fish, export it, and get whatever price he can. We want men who will not forbid fish going out in casks, so that the coopers' trade may revive and fish packers and teamsters as well as millmen who make heading and staves, be allowed to live in their own country, as well as Mr. Coaker, Mr. Job and the rest of the combine.

We want to see a real Premier in control, who will have power enough to put down profiteering in flour, butterine, kerosene oil and sugar. All these commodities were advanced unjustifiably since New Year, and beyond going on a friendly call to Mr. Steer and asking him to let West End voters have 1,000 barrels of flour at \$15 a barrel—while they were selling and are selling still at \$14.50—Mr. Squires never moved a finger. He believes, no doubt, that the 1,000 barrels is a grant and a liberal concession, and hopes they will hold out till the day after polling day. He very likely thinks also that the West End voters should go in to ecstasies over the generosity of Mr. Steer. He must imagine that he is dealing with a Labrador constituency. Instead of using the laws to inform Steer and all others that they must not, under heavy penalty, attempt to put flour up on the people in the East End, as well as the West End, in the North as well as the South—like any Premier would—he goes to Mr. Steer and says: "Oh, please don't do it." Mr. Coaker, the Boss, is in the trade and therefore Squires has to go about his duty in this humiliating way. He has not the power of a Premier, therefore he has no business in a Premier's place. End it, men of the West End, on the 22nd or else Coakerism will end you before the year is out.

"Burns' Night."

Preparations for the celebration of "Burns' Night" (Jan. 26th), are being rapidly finalized by the St. Andrew's Club and the Ladies' Auxiliary. Efforts are being made to have this year's celebration eclipse all former events of this kind.

McMurdo's Store News.

FRIDAY, Jan. 16. Preston's Antiseptic Throat Pastilles are somewhat more highly medicated than most, because of the kind, and this is probably the reason why they are so effective for sore throat, hoarseness, loss of voice, hoarseness or thickness of the voice, bronchial irritation, spasmodic cough, cold between nose and mouth, and throat and chest troubles generally. Alone or with other appropriate remedies, they can be trusted to take care of the above, and give relief almost instantly to the irritation and discomfort caused by sudden colds. Price 25c a box.

If you do not need medicated lozenges, try a box of Page and Shaw's Chocolates, they're good, anyway. We have a nice assortment at regular prices.

College Hockey Games.

The inter-collegiate hockey series for 1920 season promises to begin on New Year's Eve. Some new players will take the ice for the first time and more interest than in several years is being manifested. The first game will come off on Feb. 7th, when the Redemptors and Methodists will clash. The second and third will be fought by the B.P.O.—St. John's and St. John's—Methodist teams respectively. Two rounds will be played and the 7-man system adopted.

Seeking Bunker Coal.

A ten thousand ton steamer, the Noordin was off port today seeking bunker coal. As none was procurable the ship proceeded to Sydney. The Noordin was in her couple of years ago and is a splendid ship, having even her own brass band.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES GARTER IN COWS.

To-day's Messages.

EXTRADITION ASKED FOR.

PARIS, Jan. 15. (By the Associated Press).—The Supreme Council has drafted a note to the Dutch Government asking for the extradition of the former German Emperor. The note refers to Article 23 of the Treaty of Versailles, and invites Holland to join the Allies.

THE "TIGER" ACCEPTS.

PARIS, Jan. 15. Premier Clemenceau has accepted the nomination for the Presidency of the Republic. It was announced tonight.

GETS AWAY WITH SWAG.

BOSTON, Jan. 15. The disappearance of William Jessiman, bank messenger, with \$20,000 in cash, was announced by the police today. Jessiman was employed by the Old Colony Trust Company.

GOOD ROADS FOR ONTARIO.

TORONTO, Ont., Jan. 15. Sixty million dollars will be spent on good roads construction in the Province of Ontario during the next five years, according to F. C. Biggs, Minister of Public Works and Highways, who returned from Ottawa today.

NOMINATION UNOPOSED.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 15. R. B. Russell was unanimously nominated by the Local Socialist Party of Canada last night as the Socialist candidate for Winnipeg at the next Provincial election. Other candidates entered the field against the convicted labor leader.

CONFIDENT OF THE FUTURE.

MONTREAL, Jan. 15. President Workman, of the Dominion Steel Corporation, was advised by cable today that newly constituted advisory board in London, of the company, had held its initial meeting, and appointed C. Grant Morden, Chairman, Col. Lorne Hamilton was appointed Secretary to the committee. The committee cabled to-day, "with close co-operation, we are confident that we can build up one of the greatest companies in the Empire."

NO DECISION REACHED.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15. At a meeting of the New York Yacht Club last night, it was announced that no decision in regard to Sir Thomas Lipton's challenge for the America's cup has been reached, and that it would probably be a month before pending negotiations are concluded.

MEXICAN BOLSHIEVISM.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Jan. 15. Propagandists of bolshievism have spread their doctrine of radicalism from Sonora to the isthmus of Tehuantepec within the year. The Senate sub-committee investigating the Mexican situation was told today by an American travelling salesman. The witness was heard in executive session in order that he might be guarded to some extent against reprisals by the Mexicans. He begged that his name be not used because he expects to return to Mexico.

WILL GET THEIR DEMAND.

BRUSSELS, Jan. 15. Striking state employees resumed work this morning. The Premier having promised that members of the ministry would consider the question of salaries as they pertained to their respective departments.

IN THEIR OWN HANDS.

PARIS, Jan. 15. The settlement of the Adriatic question now lies exclusively with the Jugoslavians, Signor Nitti, the Italian Premier, informed the Association of the press last evening, as the agreement which was sent to Belgrade for approval on Wednesday, shows that France, Great Britain and Italy are in complete accord. This has been communicated to Washington, where it is hoped, it will receive favorable endorsement. Referring to the compromise Premier Nitti said Italy offered to leave the port of Fiume and the railway at Sussan under the control of the League of Nations.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS MEETING.

PARIS, Jan. 15. Representatives of France, Great Britain, Italy, Greece, Belgium, Spain, Japan, Portugal and Brazil, members of the Council of the League of Nations met in the clock room of the French Foreign Office at ten o'clock this morning for the first meeting of the history of the League.

Coastal Boats.

CROSBIE & CO.

S. S. Earl of Devon left port yesterday morning, taking the Argyle's Placentia Bay route for one trip.

REIDS.

Argyle, Glencoe not reported. Clyde arrived at Port Union at 5 p.m. yesterday. Home arrived at Trinity at 2.15 p.m. yesterday. Kyle arrived at St. John's at 3.30 p.m. yesterday. Molete left St. John's at 1 p.m. on the 14th. Petrel at Clarendville. Sagona at St. John's.

From Cape Race.

Special to Evening Telegram. CAPE RACE, To-day. Wind north, light, weather fine. The S. S. Earl of Devon passed west at 10.30, and another steamer east, at 11 a.m. Bar, 29.56; Ther, 30.

Stafford's ESSENCE OF GINGER WINE, 20c a bottle. dec3041

Supreme Court.

(Before the Chief Justice and Justice Kent.)

The King and Hon. Henry Brownrigg, Minister of Finance and Customs.—Mr. L. E. Emerson, for applicant in mandamus proceedings, applies for costs. Gibbs, K.C., for the Crown, opposes application. Mr. Emerson replies. C.A.V.

Rebelle Lahey vs. A. H. Murray & Co., Ltd.—Mr. Mews, for plaintiff, moves for a day for hearing and applies for Tuesday, Jan. 20, Mr. L. E. Emerson consents. It is ordered accordingly.

Court adjourned until to-morrow at 11 a.m.

Clearing the Streets.

The Municipal Council has been hard at work clearing the city streets of snow during the past few days and this morning a gang of men was engaged just East of Springdale St. About fifty horses were being used for removing the snow. The worst part of the city, however,—that portion of Water St. West extending from Bennett's Brewery to Riverhead—has so far been neglected, much to the chagrin of those who have to pass over it. The gulches are many and deep, and cause great difficulty to teams, no less than pedestrians.

Capt. John Alcock's Funeral.

By late English papers it is seen that the funeral of the late Sir John Alcock—pioneer of Transatlantic flying—was attended by a great number of people. The funeral was a military one, members of the Royal Air Force forming the firing party. Lieut. Fonck, the "Ace of Aces," who brought down 125 enemy aeroplanes, and now a French deputy, represented French airmen.

Shipping Notes.

Schr. Douglas E. Park, 2 days from Loughs, arrived to Crobie & Co. to-day, coal laden. S.S. Rooke sailed at 7.30 a.m. to-day for Sydney. S.S. Kamerina sailed for Halifax to-day. S.S. Brighton sailed for Halifax this morning. The Mediation sailed to-day for Burin, to load codfish for Campbell & McKay. S.S. Watika will haul into Franklyn's to discharge the balance of her coal cargo. Auxiliary schr. June is loading codfish at Baine Johnston & Co's, for Brazil. S.S. Rosalind is due at 8 o'clock tonight. Runa sails to-morrow night for New York direct.

Here and There.

CIVIL CASE.—The postponed case between the Consolidated Foundry and an English tradesman will be heard this evening before Judge Morris.

NFLD. ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.—The Annual "Burns' Night" Celebration will be held in the C. C. Hall on Monday, Jan. 26th, at 8 p.m. Tickets may be had from members of committee. Full particulars later. Jan16.21

CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF TRADE.—Messrs. George P. Barnes, A. E. Chubb and Robert E. Jones have been nominated candidates for membership in the Board of Trade.

C.L.B. GRAND CONCERT.—Under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Governor and by special request, C. L. B. Grand Concert, College Hall, on January 20th. Reserve seat tickets, 75c, at Gray & Goodland's. Secure them while the rush is on.—Jan16.11

TEAMS USING SIDEWALKS.—In the East End of the city from the Custom House to the Furness Withy premises the gutters may be described as "stationary billows." Horses hauling goods are using the sidewalks to the inconvenience of the pedestrians.

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BORN.

On the 14th inst., a daughter to Ernest M. and Mrs. Tessier.

DIED.

On the 14th inst., at Cow Head, St. Barbe District, Diana, beloved wife of Frank S. Skanes, leaving a husband, 6 sons and 3 daughters to mourn the loss of a kind and loving mother and wife.

Passed peacefully away, after a short illness, Philip Williams, in his 82nd year, leaving a wife, three sons, one daughter. Funeral on Sunday at 2.30 p.m. from St. Patrick's St.—Boston papers please copy.

IN LOVING MEMORY of dear little Irene, darling child of William James and Carrie Lowe, died January 16th, 1917, aged 16 months.

Her little Cradle is empty And her playthings laid aside And loving hearts are mourning For the little one that died.

IN FOR A DRUBBING!



West End weather that awaits the "Squeeze" Party on the 22nd.

Labrador Superstitions.

The superstitions still found among the people of Labrador are attributable to the remoteness of the country from the current of the world's thought, the natural tendency of seafaring people, and the fact that the days when the forbears of these fishermen left "Merrie England" to seek a living by the harvest of the sea, and finally settling on these rocky shores, were those when witches and hobgoblins and charms and amulets were accepted beliefs, says Dr. Grenfell in "A Labrador Doctor."

"Nevertheless, to-day, as a medical man, one is startled to see a cord of a wolf's head, suspended by a cord from the centre and to learn that it will always twist the way from which the wind is going to blow. One man had a barometer of this kind hanging from his roof and explained that the peculiar fact was due to the nature of the animals, which in life always went to the windward of others; but if you had a seal's head similarly suspended, it would turn from the wind, owing to the timid character of that creature. Moreover, it surprises one to be assured, on the irrefutable and quite unquestioned authority of 'old Aunt Anne Sweetapple,' that aged cats always become playful before a gale of wind comes on.

"There is a great belief in fairies on the coast. A man came to me once to cure what he was determined to believe was a balsam on his baby's nose. The birthmark to him resembled that tree. More than one had

given currency if not credence to belief that the reason why the baby's eye was so hard to hit in one of our running deer rifle matches was that we had previously charmed it. A woman sees a hare without coming out and keeping a portion of the skin she is then wearing her child will be born with a hare lip.

"A little farther south along the coast is a baby suffering from ophthalmia. The doctor had been called in only because blowing in its eyes has failed to cure it. A testant and Catholic alike often up bits of paper, with prayers written on them, in little sacks that worn around the neck as an amulet and green worsted tied around the wrist is reported to be the best failing cure for hemorrhage. "When stripping a patient for examination I noticed that he came from his neck what appeared to be a very large scapular. I asked what it could be. It was a hidden sn bone—a charm against rheumatism."

MUSIC LOVERS.—To be the latest and most up-to-date Music Selections, attend the Grand Concert by the C. L. Band at the College Hall, Tuesday night, January 20th. Reserve seat tickets, 75c, sell fast at Gray & Goodland's. Yours to-day.—Jan16.11

CLEAN DOCKET.—No cases heard in the Police Court this morning.

An evening wrap of taupe cloth lined with rust-colored velvet, trimmed with taupe squirrel.

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