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Parliamentary Crisis in England

RECENT despatches indicate that a serious situation has developed in English parliamentary circles over the Irish question. Evidently the Nationalists and the British Cabinet have reached a deadlock over the proposed arrangement (whatever it is) which the Cabinet has in view. Some days ago we were led to believe that an amicable arrangement had been outlined, but it now seems that we were counting the chickens too soon.

It would seem that Lloyd George who undertook to bring about a temporary surcease of difficulties has not been successful, and that he is likely to resign from the Cabinet. Mr. Asquith will doubtless follow Lloyd George and the result must necessarily be a General Election. This is a truly lamentable condition of affairs particularly in such times as these when victory seems so near.

People are wondering where the responsibility for all this trouble must be placed. We have no hesitancy in saying that it is traceable to that effete institution, the House of Lords, of which Lord Lansdowne is the protagonist.

Meinself und Gott

THE Kaiser, so the despatches inform us, has been uttering words of consolation to the unfortunate soldiers whom he has kept before Verdun awaiting slaughter for many moons. He regrets that his age prevents him from getting into the trenches so that he could turn them into the great shambles which his idiotic son has made of the region. The hypocritical cant is tinged with blasphemy, as usual, and the Butcher still goads his unfortunate soldiers to lay themselves on the altar of sacrifice. It is recognized by every military strategist in Europe that the Germans will never reach any farther into French territory, but yet tens of thousands of soldiers will be sacrificed to make a Hohenzellern holiday.

Just what Wilhelm can do on the eastern front one can hardly conjecture. Austria has been retreating to such an extent that it seems absolutely impossible for her to make a stand against the onward rush of the Bear. Von Hindenburg's forces are also in a very battered condition. From our standpoint it would seem that there is a great rearward movement to make a Teuton forces in contemplation, as should the Russians make a big sweep such as they did in Volhynia. The German army will find it difficult to extricate itself from the Dvin region. This is a country where tactics similar to those being tried in France will be impossible. There can no longer be a kaleidoscopic moving

PRESIDENT COAKER'S ITINERARY.

JULY 12.—Proceeded to Herring Neck from Change Islands. Took some time attending to requirements of new premises which is under erection; splendid premises has been erected during the past year; shop equal to best in the place. Will meet Road Board on return to Herring Neck from north to arrange about construction of coastal wharf which will adjoin the Union premises, the site being provided free to the public, which cost the Company \$500. Hope in year's time to having coastal steamers calling to the wharf. Met quite a number of old friends. Left at 3 p.m. for Coakerville and Dildo Run. Fishery very poor at Herring Neck and Pike's Arm. Hook and line don't average 5 qtls., traps won't average 40. Good sign squid at Herring Neck.

JULY 13.—Left Coakerville for Lewisporte via Dildo Run. A beautiful trip, the passage through Dildo is one to be envied. Lots of pit prop timber all along the route to Lewisporte. Comfort Cove section being specially devastated of its most valuable source of income—timber. No lobsters of any consequence being canned in Green Bay; salmon plentiful, but selling to packers at 3c. per lb., a ridiculous price for this palatable and popular fish. Inspected store and premises. Friend Quinton of Redcliffe is now in charge of this store. Fine new wharf and store. Interviewed by 20 men summoned for breach of Fishery laws at Campbellton; seems ridiculous to summons 20 men for same offence at this season of the year. One case as a test should have been undertaken and the power of the laws upheld. Understand men were fined a normal amount each for taking salmon in nets and spearing them in Campbellton river. Took Mr. A. Young on board and returned to Coakerville where some surveying was to be done by Mr. Young. Called at Comfort Cove and Boyd's Cove. Passed steamer at Birch Bay leading pit props. Wind blew gale south. At Boyd's Cove all night.

JULY 14.—Arrived at Coakerville at 6 p.m., started surveying, finished in afternoon. Wind a gale to northwest, too heavy to proceed to Lewisporte; spent the night at Dildo.

JULY 15.—Proceeded to Comfort Cove where we received a warm welcome; went to see the new Union Hall and selected a site for a Union store to accommodate the Councils in the vicinity. Comfort Cove is the centre of four Councils and they have long agitated to have a Union store. As the other business men in the vicinity are about to get out of business, it would perhaps be advisable for the Councils concerned to get down to business about erecting a Union store. Also talked over the matter of a public wharf with the men, and as the Clyde now includes Comfort Cove in ports of call a wharf is a necessity. Some fish is being trawled in 200 fathoms of water just off Comfort Cove, being the first fish ever trawled there by the residents. Comfort Cove is in the Bay and considered out of the area visited by the cod. The fish are very large and contain no caplin. We arrived at Lewisporte about 4 p.m. Held a Union meeting at 8 to consider store matters and other public questions. It was decided to ask for a public meeting for the election of a Road Board and if not called by the J.P. by first week in September, Mr. A. Young will be requested to convene a meeting for that purpose as no public monies are being sent

of troops from front to front as every available man is needed for the battle which the British and French armies are preparing for in Picardy. Meinself und Gott must be a very poor partnership these days; hence the great hypochondria is feeling anxious over the result, and well he may.

The Huns are face to face with what a German newspaper called "the beastly descendants of convicts"—these Germans are very polite at times. But the Austrians will administer to them a dose similar to that administered by the "Redmen"—this was the appellation which the Huns bestowed on our boys on the banks of the Somme. They believed presumably that Newfoundlanders were Indians. The Hun does not know his geography very well seemingly.

to any settlement that does not possess an elected Road Board. A change has been made at Lewisporte in the management and friend Quinton recently appointed manager will likely make things hum in future. The store will be enlarged and the basement fitted for a provision store. A building will also be erected to store herring in, as a large quantity of herring are barrelled in the vicinity every spring. Quite a number of complaints were made re decision of the local J.P. in cases brought before him, and things in that line seem to grow worse rather than better. Duties entirely within the jurisdiction of the stipendiary magistrate at Botwood are being daily performed by the local J.P., unaided and unfettered, as a result respect for laws is not as strong as it should be. Another J.P. should be appointed when such matters as are necessary might be heard jointly and some of the present evils thus removed. There is very little to admire in many transactions at Lewisporte which are come before the J.P., presumably to uphold law and order. One noted improvement here is the blowing of a whistle by the official of the R.N. Co. one half hour in advance of the departure of all trains, which is highly appreciated by the travelling public. The R.N. Co. agent—Mr. Forsey—appears to be performing his duties acceptable to the people and is well spoken of. Fifteen years ago I held the position of Government operator at Lewisporte. I remember a furore created at that time over the Clucken Coop erected by the Government at a cost of \$700 for a telegraph office. To-day the Government are erecting an addition to the building to meet the demands of the place. Another \$400 will be added to the cost of this Clucken Coop. What should have been done is again left undone—the right thing to do now is to erect a proper building to serve postal telegraph, customs and court requirements, but as usual what is being done is exactly what should not have been done.

(To be continued)

GLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS

JULY 27

GOVERNOR Elliott arrived to administer Colony, 1778.

Sister Gertrude Kennedy miraculously cured at the shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre, 1899.

Sir Robert Pinsent born at Port de Grave, 1834.

Corner stone of Lunatic Asylum laid by Governor Hamilton, 1853.

Challenge race on Quidi Vidi Lake between Undine and Lady Darling; the latter won. Owners made present of boat to winning crew, 1855.

An American privateer captured and destroyed 12 fishing schooners off Renew's, 1778.

Ladies of Free St. Andrew's Church presented Rev. Moses Harvey with pulpit-gown, cassock, and tea and coffee service, 1858.

First Atlantic cable, laid from Valentia (Ireland) to Heart's Content, 1866.

Corner stone of Church of England Church, Heart's Content, laid, 1881.

Cricket match at Halifax between St. John's team and Phoenix, of Halifax; latter won, with seven wickets to spare, 1871.

San Francisco minstrels opened in City Rink, 1888.

Councillor O'Dea married, 1888.

The Orphan's Friend registered, Rev. Michael P. Morris, proprietor 1885.

Captain M. A. Bourke received back sword after court martial enquiry, re Camperdown and Victoria disaster, 1893.

Monsignor Scott created domestic prelate by Bishop, Howley, 1896.

Governor O'Brien left Newfoundland, 1895.

James Carter appointed sheriff of southern district, 1876.

Rev. George M. Johnson left Newfoundland, 1876.

Stables with contents, including a horse belonging to Mr. Gear, burnt at Squires' hotel, Topsail, Mrs. Squires, who was troubled with heart failure at the time, died with fright an hour after the occurrence, 1883.

REVEILLE BY CALCAR

"EXPERIENCE" they say "is a dear school, but fools will learn in no other." Newfoundland through her misht representation has been playing the role of a fool a long time, for it seems that only the birching administered at the dear school of experience can ever teach her anything.

We have slept while Time pregnant with splendid opportunity sped by our door. As long as times were normal, only the most watchful and earnest among us ever noted the passage of opportunity, the sleepers never dreamt of what their sluggish habit was to bring to them in shame and regret.

Newfoundland, in spite of all the warnings she has had, in spite of her dear schooling from the rough methods of harsh experience, must yet again get her birching. This one coming we greatly fear will exceed all other schoolings in drastic measures.

Abnormal times, and days that will try the souls of men are to develop from this awful war. There are almost sure to follow the announcement of peace in Europe vast social, political and industrial upheavals throughout the entire world, particularly affecting of course beligerent nations. We do not want to pretend to any gift of prophesy in this, if there is anything approaching prophesy in our words, then it is quite true to say that the world never held half so many prophets as to-day, for the sentiments we here utter are the experiences of all intelligent men.

What is the future to bring in its trail is a question agitating the minds of many to-day, and statesmen everywhere are trying by every means to prepare for what is coming. All realize that difficulties await us, and all thoughtful men are exercised by the magnitude of the question and puzzled by the bodings of uncertainty. This doubt cannot be resolved for we have no precedent by which to judge.

If nations that have lived long on a high plane of endeavour are troubled, then how must it be with Newfoundland that is always unprepared. Is it at all surprising that we the least prepared to meet the tempest should be the least perturbed. It does not surprise anyone at all who has the least acquaintance with Newfoundland methods, for it conforms exactly with all we have even done in the way of taking

time by the forelock.

Now, we do not want to croak or be a bird of ill omen, but by way of warning it looks like the biggest kind of a birch which our vision sees in the hand of our old torment the head master in the school of experience.

This is the way we make progress. Fate pushes us on from behind till we stumble upon old grim visaged Experience. He halts us, takes the measure of our knowledge, and finding us stupid and ignorant gives us a jolly good time, while the world, the sensible world jogs on smiling.

We have got to face the music some day and the piper must be paid. No doubt when the pressure comes we will wake up and make an effort to apply the dearly bought knowledge. Is it not folly to be perpetually unprepared. If we had had sense and applied the time intelligently to the development of our resources, how much happier we could be to-day, with what severity we could face the future.

Happy we if we learn even in this hard and dear school of experience, for it may mean after the period of probation that is ahead of us a better Newfoundland. But is it not painful to think that we have neglected our poor country so long. Just at a time when we should have doubted our efforts we shut down on them completely. Our geological survey exists in name only. Little has been done by that department for years, nothing since the war broke upon us, and if we expect certain coal boring operations nothing has been done for years.

Our forests as far as we may

judge are paying too heavy a draft, even greater since the war for have we not had the patriotic raid upon our timber even upon the fishermen's three mile limit.

In 1910 a booklet was published, and no doubt at the instigation of the Morris government, and for the purpose of setting forth the varied attractions this country offers to the investor. From the paragraph on peat we cull from that book the following portentous words:

"Peat cutters from Ireland" will be sent into localities where peat is available, to instruct the residents how to utilize the deposits to the best advantage," (now pay attention to the closing words of the sentence,) "as there by the Colony's forest resources can be preserved longer, through the diminution of the demand on them for fuel." These words were written of course by "doctor" McGrath and had the sanction of Sir Edward.

Mark how our forests were, in 1910, to be saved from destruction. People were to be taught to burn peat in order to save the forests. How does this comport with Sir Edward's theory of the indestructableness of our timber, as voiced by him last spring, when he would preserve to the patriots the right to hack away at our growing timber. More of this later on.

A Berlin newspaper wants half the soldiers of Germany to be permitted to vote on the question of peace. Unfortunately the German soldiers are not on the voting lists of Britain and France.

JUST TRY IT

PITTSBURG, July 23.—How the most irritating toothache may be relieved by pressure on certain fingers, and the cure of lumbago, hay fever, wry necks and other ailments accomplished by almost the same process, was outlined here by Dr. Fred Kellogg of Providence, R. I., before the Pittsburgh Osteopathic Association, which brought him here to lecture on "zone-therapy."

Dr. Kellogg, in describing "zone-therapy," used stereopticon slides to illustrate his claims for the treatment. According to him, one has but to press a toothbrush against the root of his mouth to effect a cure for headache. All one has to do when suffering with a troublesome case of hay fever is to press the forefinger of either hand on a hard object. Dr. Kellogg stated that he generally used an aluminum comb to curb the disease. "Zone-therapy," said Dr. Kellogg, so far has baffled medical science.

ROSES

I TOILED within my garden,
You came, and toil was bliss,
You plucked my proudest roses,
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