THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE, ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND, DECEMBER 16, 1916-6.



He sat opposite to me in a London smiling with after-dinner amiability, estaurant. He was a little old man opened conversation in a thin, grating with a pointed nose, thin lips, white voice

hair, and grizzled, wiry bristles on "Nasty, clammy night," he squeaked. "Nothing like a good dinner to lps and chin. He was thin and shrivelled, but his keep the fog cut. Will you take a cigar were puffy, his meagre body with me?" cheeks

was paunchy. He ate with unpleasing It is embarrassing to be offered a heavy dinner of several cigar by a stranger at a restaurant courses; he drank an expensive wine. table: it is still more embarrassing to and when he had finished his dinner refuse it. I lit the cigar with an awkhe selected two of the most expensive ward impromptu that I felt it wrong cigars on the cigar-waiter's wagon. to smoke such a brand in war time. "War time. Humbug!" snapped the It was then that the little old man.

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about 'war time.' We are told to do without this, to do without that. I can understand people economising who have got to economise. I haven't! I don't mind telling you (the old man chuckled gleefully) that I am one of the people who have not been hit by the war. If it wasn't for that villain. ous, unjust, excess-profits tax should have made a devilish good

thing out of my turnover. But I've done well enough. So what reason have I to be stingy?" \*.

"But the point is," I resumed, "that there is only a certain amount of food coming into the country; not enough, in fact, tog o round. Ships are scarce freights are mountainous, transport

and dock labour are insufficient, food - . YOUR OWN FIRE RISK prices are rising and rising." "Let 'em rise," cackled the old man

cheerfully, "as far as I am concerned. can still afford to pay them." "Yes, you can," I answered, "but millions cannot. And every big dinner

one man eats means a scanty dinner PERCIE JOHNSON or a dear dinner, for perhaps ten poorer men."

"Bah! Humbug!" he snapped. "You have been taken in by this crusade of the war economists. What won't they stop next? 'The latest cry is against Christmas Day.' "No, not against Christmas Day."

orrected, "but against the huge Christmas dinner. People can surely keep Christmas happily without eat ing more than they want (I began to warm up.) I am not a prig, nor a wet blanket, nor a 'Scrooge' (the old



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House conference of 1909, approved by every religious denomination there **Insurance** Agent. represented, Catholic, Jews and Pro-

'I don't care what people think o my opinions. There is my card, sir, he ended argrily. He pushed a card across the table

It read: EBENEZER SCROOGE. Scrooge and Marley. "You are Scrooge!" I said in amaze-

should not be deprived of it except ment. for urgent and compelling reasons." "Not the Scrooge you mean,"

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ganized for this purpose.

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testants. It also was suggested some

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President Roosevelt's message to Con-

gress of February 15, 1909, in these

words: "Home life is the highest and

finest product of civilization. Children

'Since that time progressive States

all over the land have translated in-

to action the programme adopted at

the White House. The gity and State

of New York have gradually moved

forward in the wrong direction, in-

creasing the number of children com-

mitted to institutions, enlarging con-

gregate institutions in taking the

child from the home in order to fill

"The new Children's Home Bureau

up these institutions.



water and let it settle. Dip a sponge into the water and rub the soiled garment carefully, afterward rinsing with

cruet with finely chopped potato To make light bread mash a boiled skin, cork tightly and let it stand in potato and add to the flour. a warm place three days; then turn For corned beef hash chop a raw the skins out and rinse the cruet with potato and add to the meat.

warm water and borax. To cleanmud spots from silk, after To clean rusty knives, use a raw washing thoroughly rub soiled places potato dipped in brick dust. with a raw potato.

orphaned and other dependent chil Potato parings dried in the oven are To cleanse hands from vegetable dren under the age of 8 years in famgood to kindle fires, as they light stains, rub with a slice of raw potato. ilies of their own religious faith ineasily. stead of in private institutions.

To clean carpets grate a raw pota-"It must injure a sleight of Children's Home Bureau has been orto and rub over the surface of the carhand artist to explain his tricks." pet and finish off with a clean cloth "Not at all. Now take the latest Commissioner Kingsbury said yeswrung out in warm water. expose in high finances." terday: "I have secured a contribu-To clean dresses grate two raw po-"What of it?" tion of approximately \$150,000 from tatoes into a pint of cold water, strain

"You see exactly how the trick through a sieve, add another pint of is done yet you cannot do it."

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started and looked at me narrow- answered, fixed me with his red eyes ly). I love Christmas Day and I in- "I am his son. And I carry on my tend to keep Christmas Day, war or father's traditions." "No. That you don't," I said wrathno war. But I am jolly glad to find a patriotic excuse (the old man sneer- fully. "He was bad enough in his ed) to escape Christmas dinner. It meanness. You are worse in your bored me when I was a boy; it bores extravagance. I'm not so sure that you don't do more harm than your more now I am grown up. even English. The orgy father did. known as the 'Christmas dinner' was The old man glowered at me for ntroduced into this country." minute and did not reply. Then his

"Go on; when?" sneered the old thin, weazened face suddenly altered.

of the Department of Charities now He looked pitiful, haunted. "Yes," he proposes to place in families, paying "About sixty years ago-from Ger- said huskily. "I suppose I am as bad board when necessary, the children many! It is a pagan German was- as he was. It's in the blood. There's a who become public charges just above sail, sir, suited to the German's love kink in us Scrooges. We are doomed the age of 2, including as large a proof the table. It is a blotch on the to go counter to the rest of the world portion as possible of those between symbolism of the holiest day in our and the good of the world. Just as the ages of 2 and 7 inclusive. The encalendar. People can feast together, my father was mean and avaricious tire administrative expense of this reunite in family happiness, keep in those happier days when a man work will be borne by private funds. Christmas merrily and lovingly with- only brought harm and suffering to No pains will be spared in the care-

those around him by his meannessful selection of homes, and all chil-"I don't want to hear any more," so am I wasteful and extravagant in dren will be subjected to a most crised the old man. "It doesn't in- these days when a man brings harm painstaking examination in an effort I'm going to keep my and suffering to his fellows by wasteto fit the individual child in the in-Christmas as usual. I've given my fulness and extravagance. That's why dividual home. In placing children Christmas orders to the tradesmen I shall keep Christmas wrongly, as in in foster homes the department will already. There may be a scarcity this a different way my father kept to it that they are placed with year (he leered,) so I'm coming in wrongly. I am the new Scrooge. early before the prices rise. I've order- am no better than the old Scrooge.

ed a 23lb. turkey, a big Melton Mow- have as little love for my fellows." bray pork pie, a----"Let me be Tiny Tim and reform "Don't give me the list," I inter- you," I smiled. posed. "It would bore me. Moreover,

Vander-I thought your limousine

was painted.

The old man grunted something, Asterwal-So it was but it has to

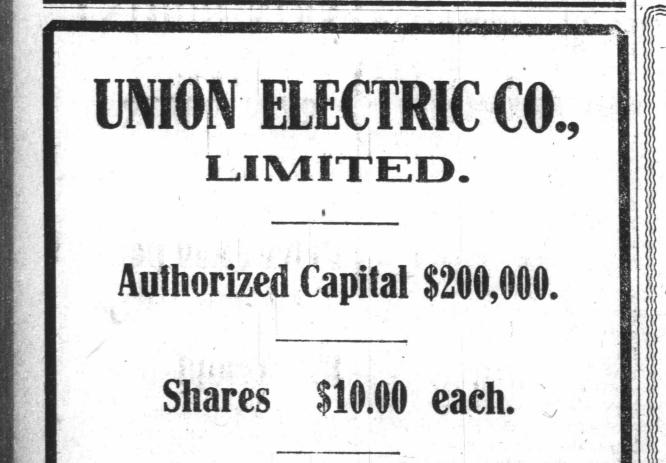
I believe that you are speaking in called the waiter, paid his bill, spoke be painted again, I ordered it done in to me a harsh "Good night, sir," and neutral colors, and the idiotic workmen painted it red white and blue. "I am not joking," said the old man. went out into the night and fog.

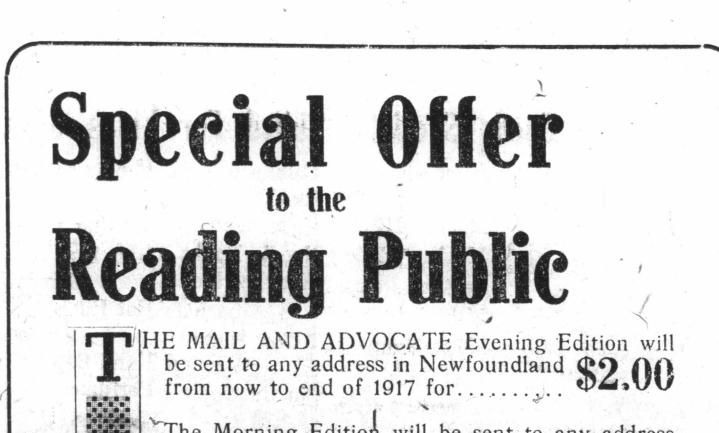
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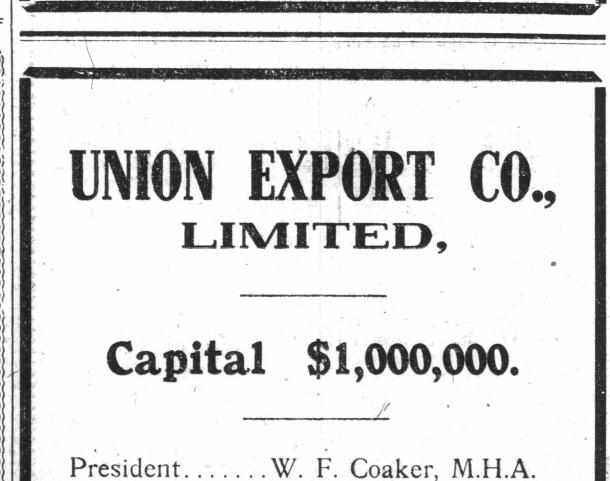
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