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Mussolini and His Methods.

Heated discussions have been held over the actions of the dictator of Italy, and criticisms of the most virulent nature have been aimed at him from all sides, save one—Italy itself.

The reasons for the general opprobrium that has been heaped upon Mussolini are not far to seek. In the first place he represents a system which is directly opposed to our highly cherished ideas of democracy. In the second place his hasty and ill-considered action in bombarding Corfu placed him under a cloud. Lastly his defiance of the League of Nations was censured by those powers which are represented in the League, but which have not yet had occasion to show to what extent they themselves would recognize its authority under similar circumstances.

Mussolini, it is true, assumed the reins of authority by force, but without bloodshed. He was requested by the King to form a government, and since the system by which he has ruled the country is utterly different to the original principles of Fascism, it must be assumed that he established a dictatorship for the time being, because both he and his supporters were convinced that no other method would be effective under the circumstances.

While any form of absolutism is repugnant to us and to the other countries of the world that have obtained the rights and privileges of democracy, we cannot forget that even in freedom loving Britain during the years of war it was found necessary to strengthen the hands of the authorities considerably, and measures were enforced which at any other time would have been considered a violation of the people's rights.

Mussolini found Italy torn by political dissension, financially embarrassed, and corruption in Government circles the rule rather than the exception. Bolshevism had raised its head, and through his efforts it was decapitated.

He turned his attention to economical questions, and from all that can be learned, his methods have had the effect of restoring the nation's credit. He found the departments overflowing with officials, and he discharged all those whose services were not required, or who were drawing a salary and were giving no services in return. The system of corruption openly practised was promptly checked by the summary dismissal of the guilty.

An indefatigable worker himself, he has insisted that all government employees must apply themselves diligently. At the head of the various departments he has placed men who have expert knowledge of the work with which their department is concerned. For example, to the Finance Department he appointed a professor of international finance with instructions to reduce the budget deficit. In six months the deficit was reduced by \$126,000,000.

He applied himself to the educational problem, re-introduced religious teaching, insisted upon the inculcation of patriotism, and organized up-to-date schools of instruction in scientific and technical study.

Disorganization which was general in labour circles has disappeared, industrial production is increasing, and strikes are unknown.

Opposition? Yes, without a doubt, particularly from those who were government parasites and who were swept from office under the new regime. There is strong opposition also from other sources, but Mussolini, in attempting to arouse a national conscience, has succeeded, and in spite of his methods has won the admiration and support of the Italian people. The attitude of the majority is expressed in the closing words of a proclamation issued by the National Council of Fascism last July, which read: "The leader who has guided us from 1919 until to-day is securely and inflexibly at his post of command. . . . We have obeyed him, we are obeying him, and we shall continue to obey him blindly, through life and death, because he is dominated by a single passion only, which is our passion also: the greatness of our country!"

It is difficult for us who live under different conditions to grasp the situation in a far-off country, and to weigh the pros and cons justly. We are compelled to a great extent to judge by results. That an enlightened people will not tolerate absolutism longer than they consider it necessary is certain, and the next election in Italy will show whether the people have resented Mussolini's methods or not. In any case, if he has been a tyrant, he has been a benevolent tyrant.

Congregational Church

SALE OF WORK TO-DAY.

The Ladies' Aid of the Congregational Church are holding their annual sale of work in the basement of the church this afternoon at 3 o'clock, and Lady Allardice has kindly consented to declare the sale open. The Ladies of the church have been working most assiduously for some time to make this annual event equally as successful as in the past, and judging by the splendid display of fancy goods and other dainty articles too numerous to mention, in the various stalls, we predict for the Congregational folk a successful day's sale. High teas will be served by the Ladies' Aid and Girls' Guild, from 4 o'clock to 8 p.m. At night a splendid concert will be given. The following artists have kindly consented to take part: Mrs. Small; Misses Elsie Herder, I. Glendinning, R. Calvert, M. Whiteley, M. Murray, M. Morris, A. Maund; Messrs. Ruggles, Foster, Steele, McIntosh, Dwyer and Johnson.

Masonic Dance

The Masonic Entertainment Committee held their first dance for the season last night. The affair was voted an unqualified success both socially and otherwise. The Entertainment Dance was won by Mr. H. R. Brooks and Miss Elwin Nash. The music rendered by the orchestra was up to a high standard. The Ladies' Auxiliary served supper during the interval.

Violated Customs Act

The following message was received by the Assistant Collector of Customs from J. H. Dee, at Hr. Buffett:—"Frederick Martin, esq. M. E. Ryan, fined \$200.00 breach of section 203 of Customs Act to-day."

Grand Sacred Concert, Casino, Sunday evening next, Nov. 25th, at 8.30. All leading vocalists and instrumentalists. Conductor Mr. Hutton. Admission 50c, 30c, and 20c.—Nov. 21, 21.

T. A. Armoury

CARD PARTY AND DANCE.

An enjoyable card party and dance was held in the T. A. Society rooms last night. The affair was held under the auspices of the T. A. Ladies' Auxiliary, and upwards of 70 couples were present. The card tournament proved very interesting, the prize winners were Mr. John Power and Miss Annie Simmons. The dance music was furnished by Miskell's Orchestra.

Stafford's Ginger Wine for sale everywhere 15c. per bottle. Nov. 21.

Rotary Club

WEEKLY MEETING.

The meeting of the Rotary Club held their weekly luncheon at the West End Restaurant yesterday at 1 p.m. The speaker of the day was Mr. T. P. Halley, who gave a very interesting address on "In And Out of The Court." The speaker dwelt very fully with the work of the Magistrate's Court, and related a number of humorous anecdotes bearing on cases that came under his observation. He also spoke of the need of a Reformatory for juvenile offenders, and also dealt with certain phases of the Prohibition Act. The lecturer was accorded a hearty vote of thanks at the close. A new Rotarian was admitted to membership under the classification of Railways, in the person of Herbert J. Russell who was introduced by Rotarian Angus Reid.

Nfld. Highlanders

WINTER PROGRAMME.

A meeting of the Officers' Mess was held on Friday evening, the 16th inst., and arrangements were made for the work of the Brigade for the winter. Owing to the unquitable condition of the Parade Rink for drift purposes during winter weather the Presbyterian Hall has been placed at the disposal of the Brigade for the winter months, and each Thursday the Brigade will parade there. On these evenings military and physical training will be given the lads from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., and arrangements have been made to provide a pleasant and instructive hour from nine to ten p.m., when a series of addresses will be given and a musical programme provided. The first of the series of addresses will be given on Thursday of this week, when Lt.-Col. T. Nangle, C.F., will address the lads on "Battlefield Memorials and Their Significance." Undoubtedly such addresses will be of great benefit to the lads, and several other prominent gentlemen have already kindly offered their services to lecture on various subjects throughout the winter. Friends and supporters of the Brigade are cordially invited to attend from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m., each Thursday evening.

Don't forget the Concert in the Old Convent Schools, (entrance off Hamilton St.) to-night, Wednesday, November 21st, at 8.15. Tickets 30c. Nov. 21.

A Mining Engineer for Silver Cliff

Mr. A. B. Climas, a mining engineer of Cornwall, went out by train this morning for Argentina. Mr. Climas, who has had much practical experience, assumes control of operations at Silver Cliff. The work at this mine is proceeding very satisfactorily and the owners are looking to the future with much optimism. The re-opening of Silver Cliff and the creation of a working mine there is due to the energy and ability of Mr. W. A. McKay.

Personal

The friends of Miss Fawcette will be glad to learn that she is much improved to-day, and with the electrical treatment she is now receiving, she hopes to be able to resume her dancing at the Star Movie next week. Quite a lot of visitors called on Miss Fawcette yesterday, which shows the popularity of this artist, and Miss Fawcette appreciates the many kindnesses shown her.

Messrs. M. E. Hawco, W. W. Halford, J. H. Scammell, R. Hibbs, G. Jones and T. Clouston left by the express yesterday to attend the F. P. U. Convention at Port Union, which opens to-day.

Rev. Fr. Enright is at present spending a brief stay in the city.

McMurdo's Store News.

We have now received a full line of Molts, Page and Shaw and Whitman's Chocolates and Candies in special Christmas Packages. We have a very wide selection of these firms' choicest packages and before you buy your Xmas gifts you should see our line. We have also made arrangements with these firms that if any of our patrons wish to send a Xmas gift of chocolates to their friends in the United States or Canada they may do so direct by leaving their order and card with us and we will arrange to have parcel delivered. These orders should be given to us as early as possible owing to big rush of Christmas business these firms have to deal with. We are now displaying a very choice selection of Pascoella Candies and Novelties, which are sure to please the most fastidious taste.

Magistrate's Court.

Two ordinary drunks were granted their freedom. A store-keeper, Water Street West was summoned into court charged with obstructing the sidewalk. The defendant gave a satisfactory explanation to the court by stating that the goods which were left on the sidewalk had just arrived and were in transit. His Honor dismissed the case.

Wesley Debate

At last night's meeting of the Wesley Young Men's Literary Class the following Resolution was debated: Resolved: That Compulsory Education would be detrimental to the Fishing Industry of this Country. The speakers for the affirmative were Messrs. G. Davis and R. Bursay, and for the negative Messrs. H. R. Sparkes and C. Cook. The affirmative side put forth a very strong argument, pointing out the effect it would have on the fisherman. By educating the sons of the fisherman they would seek for an office position or something better than fishing. The affirmative further stated that Compulsory Education would be detrimental to the fishing industry and brought out some very fine points. The negative side stated that educating the people would only turn out better fishermen and raise the standard of the occupation. It would also show the fisherman what a wonderful industry he was engaged in and the value of the fish. It would also enable him to find out the price of fish in his foreign markets and would protect him from being swindled by those who buy the fish. The negative raised many points showing what a wonderful asset it would be to the fisherman and to the country in general. A large number of members spoke from the floor and the debate was enjoyed by all. When the vote was taken the negative won by a large majority. The Rev. W. B. Bugden of the Methodist Church at Carbonear was present and congratulated the young men on the standard they were attaining in debating.—B.S.

Freighting From North Sydney

S.S. Meigle since Saturday last has made two trips from North Sydney to Port aux Basques with full loads of freight. The steamer arrived at Port aux Basques this morning with the balance, and leaves there during the day, coming to St. John's direct. Next week she will relieve the Glenace on the West Coast service route.

Starts Farming Next Spring

It is understood that Capt. Campbell, who has been on the West Coast for some time selecting and in connection with a Colonial Office Colonization Scheme, will return here from England about February. Capt. Campbell has made several selections of suitable farming land in the vicinity of Spruce Brook and he is now on his way to England to report. Before leaving the West Coast, Capt. Campbell made arrangements for cutting of timbers and fence material so that he will be in a position to start operations in the early spring. It is probably a visit about a dozen families of ex-service officers will settle here. This colonization scheme is being applied in South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, and Nova Scotia. It is understood that mixed farming will be engaged in here, a market for the produce being expected as a result of the Humber Valley Development.

Express Passengers

The following passengers crossed over to Port aux Basques by S.S. Kyle at 6 o'clock this morning and are now on the incoming express:—Mrs. A. Maddigan, D. F. Vincent, M. Prowse, T. H. Sommerton, J. S. Boyles, Miss E. Walsh, Geo. Walsh, C. Thompson, D. J. Carter, R. and M. Edmond, J. Maloney, H. J. Jones, R. Lester, R. Costello, H. Costello, M. Burke, R. Ader, W. Seaward, A. March, T. S. Howard, A. B. and Mrs. Morine, Miss I. Willis, M. Alward, J. and Mrs. Wilcox, C. Ballon, Miss B. Jacobs.

Coastal Boats.

GOVERNMENT.

Argyle left Marytown at 7.25 p.m. yesterday, going West. Clyde left Twillingate at 6.45 p.m. yesterday, inward. Glenace left Port aux Basques at 12.20 p.m. Monday. Home left Lewisporte at 9.50 a.m. to-day. Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques at 6 p.m. Meigle left North Sydney at 1.30 a.m. to-day. Sagona left Bonne Bay at 7 a.m. to-day, outward. Malakoff left Greenspond at 4.50 p.m. yesterday, inward. Sun left Margrave at 10.15 p.m., due to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

For a good Tonic take Brick's Tasteless, price \$1.20.—Nov. 21.

Snow up Country

A snow storm raged over that part of the railway line between Bishop Falls and St. George's on Monday night, the first real appearance of winter for the season. Snow in places fell to a depth from 4 to 8 inches.

Ask your Grocer for Stafford's 15c. Ginger Wine.—Nov. 21.

COMPLETE CHANGE OF PROGRAMME--STAR MOVIE TO-DAY.



Two Big Stars—BETTY COMPSON and TOM MOORE in
A thrill-swept romance of the frozen North, where smugglers clash with
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A New Venture

It is understood that a number of business men of Harbor Grace are at present engaged in an effort to create a new industry in the second city, that of curing meats, such as bacon and ham. Some years ago an effort was made to promote hog raising in this locality, but for various reasons the scheme never materialized. The present venture has many features to recommend it but so far not much progress has been made.

"A Black From the Blue"

A pedestrian on Duckworth St. at an early hour this morning, received a shock on looking skywards, he saw a black object hurtling towards him from above. When the object hit the ground it was learned that it was a large black cat that had been blown off the top of a house near by. When the cat "hit" the ground it gave three or four "flying leaps" and resembled an aeroplane in distress. The animal was not hurt, but evidently received a "terrible twist."

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MARRIED.

On Nov. 19th, at the R.C. Cathedral by the Rev. P. J. Kennedy, Miss Mary Emsley, to Mr. John Gulliver, both of this city.

DIED.

This morning, Kevin Francis, darling child of J. F. and Bride Green, aged 7 months, died.

On the 21st inst, Kevin Augustine, darling child of Margaret and James Sheehan, aged 10 months, 235 New Gower Street.

Passed peacefully away this morning at the Sanatorium, from wounds received on July 1st, 1916, James Burke, (ex Royal N. B. Regt.) aged 35 years, leaving to mourn father, mother, two sisters and one brother. Funeral on Friday at 2 p.m. from Myrick's Mortuary Rooms, Military Road.

Yesterday, Nov. 20th, at Corner Brook, Samuel J. Farnell, aged 44 years, leaving a wife and 11 children, 2 brothers and 2 sisters to mourn their sad loss.

IN LOVING MEMORY

of my dear son, Pte. John Fry, No. 2784, Royal Nfld. Regt., who paid the Supreme Sacrifice at the Battle of Cambrai on Nov. 20th, 1917.
My darling son how we miss you. Ever since you passed away. My thoughts are always with you. Though we will meet again some day. Six years are passed, but still we miss you. Friends may think the wound is healed; But they little know the sorrow That within my heart's concealed. This day brings back sad memories. Of one who has gone to rest; And those who miss him most to-day. Are those who love him best.
—Inserted by his Mother.

NOTE OF THANKS.—The family of the late Mrs. S. P. Bowden, wish to thank the following, who sent wreaths to adorn the casket of our beloved mother—Mrs. M. Grouchy and family, Mr. W. J. Grouchy, Mr. George W. Wells, Mrs. Capt. A. Bourne, Miss Elsie Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bages, Mrs. B. E. Manuel, Messrs. Bowring Bros. Ltd., per W. W. Wells, Esq., the employees of Bowring Bros. Ltd., Retail Store, the employees of Messrs. Ayre & Sons, Ltd., (Pitts Building) and also the following for messages and letters of sympathy: Avalon Lodge, F. & M. Gower Street Adult Bible Class, Methodist Guards' Comrades' Association, Messrs. A. G. Williams, W. P. Butler, George Morris, A. Manuel, Cyril Scoville, A. H. Edgcombe, Mrs. C. Barbour, Mrs. A. Hann, Mrs. T. Manuel, Mrs. E. Scoville, Miss M. Kinn, Miss M. Manuel, and all kind friends who sympathized or assisted in any way during their recent bereavement.—Adv.

Shipping.

S.S. Rosalind left New York to-day for Halifax and is due here on Monday.

S.S. Manoa sailed for Montreal at 7.30 a.m.

S.S. Jan is leaving Montreal to-day for Charlottetown. She sails from the latter port on the 24th inst. The ship has a full cargo of flour, oats, and hay, for this port.

S.S. Canadian Harvester has arrived in port with a general cargo to the Furness Withy Co.

S.S. Canadian Harvester, two and a half days from Halifax with general cargo, has arrived to the Furness Withy Co.

Schr. Cape Race, 50 days from Barbados has arrived in port.

S.S. Canadian Logger 2½ days from Humbermouth, is in to the Furness Withy Co.

Schr. Jas. W. Parker, 2 days from St. Pierre with a cargo codfish has arrived to T. H. Carter & Co.

Schr. Ellen and Mary has arrived at Grand Bank from the banks halibut for 400 qtls. codfish.

Schr. Carl S. has arrived at Gaultois from North Sydney with 128 tons coal to T. Garland.

S.S. Sachem leaves Halifax to-night, for here.

S.S. Digby which left Liverpool Nov. 15th had not reported up to this forenoon. The ship is expected to arrive to-night or to-morrow morning.

Here and There.

Ask your Grocer for Westburn Golden Syrup.—Nov. 16.

THE TRAINS.—Thursday's express arrived at Bishop Falls 1 hour and 10 minutes late. The incoming express left Port aux Basques 1 hour late. The Trepassey train went out at 11.30 a.m.

Tibbs—"I see Sir Richard is back!" Squibbs—"Again?" Tibbs—"Well—I don't know if you would speak of it as a gain exactly—We'll just say his back and let it go at that."

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NEWFOUNDLAND GOVERNMENT COASTAL MAIL SERVICE.

From Cape Race

Special to Evening Telegram
CAPE RACE, to-day.
Wind N.W., fresh, weather fine.
The schooner "Hankinson" and
Helen Vair, passed in; Ruby, Doris and Lucy Annie, West this morn. 30.30; Ther. 34.
Stafford's Ginger Wine sale everywhere. 15c. per bottle. Nov. 20, 21