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## OUR POINT OF VIEW

### Without Malice

ALMOST a year has passed since the awful disaster which befell our brave fellows at the seal-fishery, a year fraught with many dire calamities, the sinking of the Empress of Ireland in the St. Lawrence River, the terrible earthquake in Italy, and if we may mention it in one breath, the most terrible and cruel scourge of war, now being fought out by opposing millions on the bloody plains of Europe. Dreadful as are these painful visitations, and so engrossing, yet they cannot divert the mind from the great calamity that Newfoundland is called upon to witness with sorrow and regret. These dark reminders of our human frailty, these cruel and rapacious interrupters of our peace and enjoyment, fling their hideous masses across our mid-day sun, and darken the land already half in shadow of another sorrow, but their gloom is but an adumbrage, a shadow of another shadow that cannot hide from us the blackness of our own eclipse.

We do not wish to refer now to the sorrow which we all have experienced in our sympathy for those whom the calamity of the icebergs hit so directly. No, our shadow, or sorrow, our deep and abiding regret, is that we have in our midst a body of men, small though they be, who would attempt to thwart and interrupt the free administration of Justice. A strife has been stirred up here by an unscrupulous set of petty politicians, merely to gratify an unmanly desire to injure if possible the F.P.U.

Quite naturally our deepest sympathies are with the breadwinners, and just as naturally we took up their cause, and without malice towards anyone. Soon as we attempted to expose what we clearly saw to be a gross blunder and a crime, we were set by croppers in slimy places, who recognize no principles, but would trample on the sacred dead to achieve a political aim. No cause is too unholy for those who would expose, if by so doing some low design may be accomplished. Our fight has been against those, and the injustice they have attempted to defend. The graves of the dead have been kept open, not by us, but by those whose best interests were better served by their closing. And the only way to close those sepulchres is by admitting justice to have her way with the primal responsibility for the awful disaster.

For one whole year we have kept up this battle for right, and now it seems that despairing of having justice done by the constituted authorities, we are at length compelled to try what pressure exercised in constitutional ways can do. Monster petitions are being sent to the Governor in Council, asking for Captain Kean's arrest on a charge of Criminal Negligence. Should that fail then other means must be tried, and we have twenty thousand stalwart sons of toil to back up our demands.

We have the spectacle in this country to-day of a government openly and brazenly prostituting the high office they were elected to fill. Men are preparing to face the dangers of the frozen sea once again, and the Government has done nothing in reference to the terrible disaster of last year, or to mitigate in any way the dangers our brave men are called upon to face.

And worse still, they are ready to allow Captain A. Kean to sail in command of a sealing ship to take his chances of committing another blunder that may cost us the loss of many men.

## Fr. Sheehan's Lecture

The Rev. Fr. Sheehan, Spiritual Director of the H. N. Society, delivered a very entertaining lecture to the members of the Society and their friends at the Aula-Maxima Tuesday evening. The subject of the lecture was the pleasant one of "Irish Pleasuries," and was handled very cleverly, and with great wit and humour, by the rev. gentleman.

During his discourse, Fr. Sheehan paid a splendid tribute to the new Archbishop, His Grace-Elect Archbishop Roche, and also spoke of our new Cathedral Administrator, Rev. Fr. McDermott. Fr. McDermott comes from Roscommon, but as Fr. Sheehan aptly declared, there is nothing common about the new Administrator appointed.

Messrs Ryall and Slattery supplied some very excellent music during the evening, and he event was voted one of the most successful of its kind held.

## TROUBLE OVER ALLOTMENTS

(Editor, Mail and Advocate.)

Dear Sir.—It is now nearly a month since our brave boys of the Second Contingent of the Newfoundland Regiment left here, and still the parents, etc. of these boys have not received one cent of their allotment money, although the boys signed their papers about a week before they left here at the C.L.B. Armoury. Surely we are not going to have a repetition of the trouble the last people had to get their money, and I suppose Mr. Montgoerie has not carried these papers to England with him, if so, I suppose the people must only sit back, grin and bear this injustice until his return. I write to your paper to see if you can get any information on this matter, as I understand the people cannot get their money until these allotment papers are first distributed.

There is a lot of folk of poverty in this town, and of giving charity to the needy, but here are over 250 of our boys, who have given up their lives for their King and Country, but in doing so they also thought they were providing for their mothers, and sisters in these hard times. As you are aware, Mr. Editor, some of these chaps are only poor boys, and their mothers are to-day anxiously looking out for these papers, which will inform them that their son's allotment money awaits them.

These mothers are due now, to my knowledge, the following amounts:—Jan. 23rd to Feb. 5th, 16 days at \$1.60—\$25.60; Feb. 6th to Feb. 28th, at \$1.10—\$25.30; total, \$41.30, minus 20c a day for the boy's pocket, \$7.80—total \$43.10, thus you see that most of these mothers are now due \$43.00 from the Government, and I can tell you, sir, that this amount, which may appear small to quite a few, means a fortune to many a poor mother.

Get a hustle on these Government clerks and let these poor people get what is due them, or at least let them know when they may expect this money.

Thanking you for space in your valuable paper  
VOX CLIMATUS IN DESERTO.  
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## The B. I. S. Adjourned Meeting

The B.I.S. adjourned annual meeting took place in the Society's Rooms last evening when the following gentlemen were elected to form a Literary and Amusement Committee:—Messrs W. J. Higgins, T. J. Power, Jas. Aylward, J. P. Croty, E. J. Finn, W. J. Carew, R. Allison, P. K. Devine, P. Walshe, T. H. O'Neill, J. G. Higgins, T. J. Power, J. H. Dee, W. J. Clarys, and P. J. Grace.

Vincent P. Burke, Esq., M.A., LL.D., will lecture in the Star of the Sea Club Rooms this evening, at 8.30 o'clock. Subject, "Some of Newfoundland's Problems." Admission 10 cents. Proceeds to go to Clerical Students Fund.—11



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## How Britain Cares For Subjects Abroad

### How a Young Englishman Was Acquitted on Charge of Murder

A striking illustration of how the British Government cares for its subjects abroad is found in the case of Thomas Lovegrove, a young Englishman, who, through the timely aid of the British Embassy at Washington, recently was acquitted on a charge of murder. Mr. Lovegrove, in grateful acknowledgement, will return home by the Lusitania, and volunteer for active service.

The Englishman is a native of Denton, Sussex, and came less than a year ago to work in a tobacco factory in Louisville, Kentucky. Last September he was arrested, and charged with shooting and killing a pawnbroker named Schneider. Lovegrove, apparently, had bought a shirt from Schneider several hours previous to the murder, and Schneider, on his death-bed, according to his wife and nephew, declared that the man who bought the shirt killed him.

Through the energies of Captain Foster, a well-known New York detective, who, as a fellow-countryman, gave his services free, Sir Cecil Spring Rice, the British Ambassador, became interested in Lovegrove's defence. The best counsel in the South unearched many reputable witnesses who swore that Schneider's assailant was a much bigger and broader man than Lovegrove. After a two days' hearing by a jury, in which there were six German-American citizens, a verdict of "not guilty" was found last Saturday.

Mr. Lovegrove, when seen later, was loud in his praise of the kindness shown him in the South, and said that it was only through the generosity of his former employer that he was able to return to England to fight against the Germans.

## AN APPRECIATION AND SYMPATHY

Mr. Walter Clouston, of the city received the following kindly message from Scholefield Goodman & Sons. "We have heard in our papers with great satisfaction the splendid response that Newfoundland men have made in joining the Colours for active service in France, and we feel sure you are justly proud of your two sons who have joined the Second Contingent shortly proceeding to Scotland for training previous to active service. We enclose herewith a cutting from the London "Daily Mail," of 30th January giving a list of the petty officers, non-commissioned officers and men who were lost when the H.M.S. Viktor foundered off the coast of Ireland. We take this opportunity of expressing our sympathy with the loyal Newfoundlanders upon the big percentage of their fellow countrymen whose names are included on this list. We are, Dear Sir, Yours truly,  
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## Charity Benefit At Princes Rink

The Committee of Organization met yesterday afternoon in the C.C.C. Band Room and made preliminary arrangements for a big Charity Benefit with at the Prince's Rink, on Monday, 8th inst. (ice permitting.) Mr. Mark Chaplin, hon. president, occupied the chair and there were present a goodly gathering of representative members of the Committee.

Reports of the various Sub-Committees, appointed at previous meeting, were handed in, all being of a progressive nature, and a most interesting programme is being prepared, a novel feature of which will be the "Young Ladies' Hockey Match." Full particulars in our advertising columns to-morrow, and note that the net proceeds of this big charity event are to be divided between the St. Vincent de Paul, Dorcas and Salvation Army Charity societies.

## St. Andrew's Club

Yesterday, through the kindness of a mutual friend, the writer was welcomed as a visitor to the St. Andrew's Club and its rooms. It was indeed very comfortable up there, the reading room, the smoking room and card room are appointed to the strict purpose of catering to the comforts of the "tired" club man.

The Club's library includes all the works of standard authors, whilst all the principal magazines and newspapers are subscribed to. Besides catering to the pleasures of the mind, the good of the body is not forgotten. All the up-to-date athletic requirements are to be found in one of the rooms. The good St. Andrew himself, were he amongst us, could find no more pleasant place to pass a happy hour, than in this well arranged club which bears his name.

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