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A WELCOME HOME.

We give a hearty welcome to all the men who returned yesterday by the S.S. Cassandra. They arrived just too late to take part in the memorial service dedicated to their brothers in arms who had sacrificed their all in the service of the Navy and Regiment. They will all be glad to get to their homes in city and outports, to take up civil life and take an interest in the country which gave them birth.

That Flat Island Trouble

In spite of all the questions asked yesterday about the result of the H.M.S. Cornwall's trip, no information was forthcoming except the rumour that when "they got there, the cupboard was bare," the story going that the men of Flat Islands had left for their summer's toil on the Labrador! Even this morning the Minister of Justice's Department told us that they had heard absolutely nothing since the ship left. It is all a mystery!

We do object strongly to the imputation that the "Herald" and other newspapers allied with the Cashin Government are spreading in speaking of a "lawless element." That reflection on any portion of the people of Newfoundland is an unwarranted insult. The statement is deliberately made to insult in this case, the people of the North, and it comes from Sir M. P. Cashin's chief organ, the "Herald."

We are sorry that His Excellency the Governor was lead into a casual reference to what had occurred at Flat Islands. We would submit that no one can judge correctly exactly what has happened there, and we are afraid that those who give His Excellency advice on this matter do so with a prejudice that tells against the loyal and law-upholding people of Flat Island. We feel that His Excellency would not desire to do our people an injustice.

The fact that we have in the outports only one policeman for every 3200 of population is surely no indication that those people are "lawless" in any sense of the word, and everyone resents any reflection otherwise upon any of our people. In other words, as an old member of the police force says, there are no people in Newfoundland but who will listen to reason, and we venture to say that had this unfortunate affair been handled as experience had dictated, there would have been no necessity to send eight or ten policemen down with guns, or ask a British man-o-war for assistance. If it is true that except in the first instance, the experience and direction of the heads of the Police Force have not been availed of, it is easy to understand how this unfortunate affair has developed. We do not defend any flouting of the law, but we hold that before we condemn there must be a trial, and before knowing all the particulars, it is unnecessary to insinuate that any of our people are "lawless" as the "Herald" does.

People are wondering now whether Mr. Morine, the Minister of Justice, intends to keep a Britishman's war attached to his Department.

And, by the way, we would draw attention to the fact that our repeated criticisms of the Cashin Government in reference to the spending of money outside the Road Boards have not been answered. The people ask for the "Local Affairs Act" be carried out in the spirit of its provisions. Will the Cashin Candidates themselves defy this law?

Many other comments are held over because of the great pressure on our space to-day.

SORTING THE UNFIT

In the Research Department of the Ministry of National Service, a remarkable machine is being used to simplify the medical analysis of the twenty-five thousand men who were found unfit for the Army and placed in Grade IV.

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It has been found, by the way, that for the important work of punching the cards, on which the efficiency of the machine depends, girls under sixteen are most suitable.

NO SAVAGES

A Change in terminology when the artificially civilized man speaks of the uncivilized is suggested by the explorer Stefansson that will find supporters among fair-minded people. Experience as an explorer, Mr. Stefansson says, has led him to revise his interpretation of the word "savage" as it has long been used in describing human beings. The facts relating to unusually called "savages" do not justify the word, and the explorer suggests that "childlike" would be more adequate. The Eskimo, for example, if they have observed that a man tells an untruth about one thing will disbelieve him about another, no matter how different.

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Flat Island B.B. Will Give Morine 10 Votes out of 200

(To the Editor)

Dear Sir,—At our meeting of Saturday night it was resolved and carried unanimously that we denounce that wanderer, Morine, and "Judas" Stone for their treachery to the Union. Morine was condemned in very strong language and if ever he stands on a public platform at Flat Island he will be asked to repeat the words that he said in the House of Assembly the 3rd of June, when he spoke of the Trading Co. and its worthy President, and it is also reported that he said the hirelings used to do the dirty work. We state frankly that he or any one else is not game enough to stand on a platform on Flat Island, and repeat that. Of course we say he was so excited because he was Minister of Justice that he could say what he liked, and no one trouble about it. He would never be what he is if he got there by fair play. If one of the Prime Minister's "cullage" was to say what that Jack in the Box said he would be stopped. However, his day is done; we give him ten votes out of 200 from this place, but surely he will never show his face in this district again. He will be gone to Canada before that.

As for "Judas" Stone if rumour is correct, it is no more then we could expect, if it is true that he told someone at Grand Falls the winter before last that he would knife the Union the first chance. However it was talked about before there was any split in the Government; we know Trinity District will deal with Jack Stone; he will wish he never turned traitor.

Carry on President Coaker and if Morine stands for Bonavista send some school boy down to oppose him. That will do, because if that is too much trouble send some one's name, anyone's name you like will beat Morine easily. Wishing the Union every success, we remain, yours truly,

Flat Island, B.B.

F. P. U. COUNCIL.

Another Letter from Keels

(To the Editor)

Dear Sir,—A word in reference to a letter which appeared in the Advocate of June 12th signed by the F. P. U. members of Keels, denouncing the action of Morine. That letter was written in Keels by on whom Morine or any of his political gang will not wind around their fingers, and was read to the F. P. U. members of Keels and every man knew what he was signing. Mr. Coaker knew nothing of its contents until he saw it in the Advocate.

I advise Mr. Morine to keep away from Keels; he has got much better reputations than he will get if ever he comes here again; his name is nauseating every honest fisherman, while the name of Coaker is as ointment poured forth. I hope our Union candidates won't fear at the polls next fall. We will fix the doom of Morine or any of his crowd. Thanking you in anticipation for space—Sincerely yours,

Keels, B. B.

ANDREW HOBBS.

Capture Bolsheviks

KEATERINODAR, June 30.—The army of Kuban Cossacks operating in the bend of the Don river has captured four thousand Bolsheviks and ten guns. The Don Cossacks who are also advancing northward have captured fifteen hundred prisoners and three armoured trains.

Evacuating Riga

COPENHAGEN, June 30.—Lettish troops are within nine miles of Riga and the Germans are evacuating the city, according to a despatch received by the Lettish press bureau from Libau.

Keeping the Ex-Kaiser

LONDON, June 30.—The Allied governments have presented to the government of Holland the necessity of taking steps to prevent the departure of the former German Emperor from Holland. C. B. Harmsworth, under secretary for Foreign Affairs announced in the House of Commons this afternoon.

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A. WILSON, Secty., C.H.E.

Defence of France

PARIS, July 1.—The agreement between France and the United States and between France and Great Britain for the defense of France against attack by Germany, it is understood, will not become valid as far as Great Britain is concerned until the Franco-American convention is ratified by the United States Senate.

Earthquake's Toll

ROME, June 30.—Earthquake shocks at Tuscany Sunday caused deaths of 127 persons and injuries to several thousand, according to latest advices from Florence. The centre of the seismic movement apparently was Vicchio, a town of eleven thousand inhabitants, fifteen miles north of Florence.

Defeat the Finns

LONDON, June 30.—Bolshevik troops have occupied Vydlissa, on the Finnish frontier, defeating the Finns and capturing large numbers of them, according to a Russian wireless despatch received here to-day. It is added that the Bolshevik advance is developing successfully.

Morine Has To Go!

As the evil of Morineism become revealed before the country in all its hideous and unscrupulous reality, rumour says that the plotting partner of the McGrath-Cashin outfit is developing a scheme to put the "Stormy Petrel" out of the Executive Government. By this act, it is said, they hope in some measure to redeem themselves in the eyes of the intelligent electors who have viewed this trio with natural distrust and suspicion since Morine was hired on to fight the Union and Coaker.

While the crafty brain of our Journalistic Crook has devised some "slick political stunts," to use the vernacular term, in the past, it is thought that he has his job cut out this time, as it is a case of "Greek meet Greek," for the famous Alfred B. has a record of over 30 years of political scheming and intrigue that will render McGrath's task the most difficult in all his unenviable career.

Then again, Morine knows his man, for did he not act as an assistant to him in the days gone by, when scenes, the history of which forms the blackest page in our history, were being enacted. His services then as a hired political tool to manipulate, deceive and blacken honest men's characters if need be, were then given to the man whom he now finds it expedient to expel from the Government. Will he succeed, or will Morine's knowledge of his unscrupulous methods enable him to thwart the design? However it will be interesting to watch developments among this bunch of political grafters.

The question that naturally presents itself is: Why did McGrath and Cashin take A. B. Morine into the Government, knowing the man's record? While Morine may be of some value where Mr. Coaker placed him, as an independent, no one will ever expect a country still bleeding from the wounds inflicted by this man and his accomplices in '98 to take him as an Executive Officer of the Crown and its Minister of Justice, what object then could be served by placing such a character in a position of great power and responsibility? There was one reason, but McGrath and Cashin have since discovered it to be but a vision.

The answer of the manly electors of Bonavista Bay to Morine's gross betrayal of his benefactor and friend who gave him his seat in the Assembly, has caused a great slump in the Morine stock. The crafty mind of the plotter in chief realizes he is too light for the job set for him. Unionism in the great northern districts is too hard a nut for Morine to crack. In his greed and mad ambition he has grasped to catch the shadow and has lost the substance. Unable to even face the people whose respect and support he has fortified, McGrath and Cashin regard him as of no further political value and his exit is but a matter of time.

Recent developments show only too clearly Morine's frame of mind in regard to the people of Bonavista Bay. However he may insult, persecute, ridicule or provoke the honest fishermen of the north all he may for the present, the days of his domination will be short and his going will not save the bunch of political timeservers who have temporary control of our public affairs. They too must pay the penalty for political deception and rascality, and from every quarter evidence of the contempt in which those usurpers are held, is daily pouring in.

No self-respecting man in the community can entertain anything but disgust at the antics of the McGrath-Morine-Cashin Government. The same old spirit of '98 is manifesting itself to-day. The "Local Affairs Act" which was passed in 1915 and strongly supported by Morine is now to be openly questioned in order to exploit public funds for the purpose of bribing the electorate. Is it surprising then if the people should rise up and demand to have the law of the land administered properly and in accordance with statute law.

Let the Cashin Government attempt to defy the law and it must be prepared to accept the consequences. It is dangerous business for McGrath, Morine or Cashin to interfere with the right of the free people of his country to rule.

SABLE I. SAILS

The Sable I., Capt. Murley, sailed for North Sydney at 10.15 a.m. yesterday morning. The Engines were stilled for the previous 15 minutes in respect of the memory of the soldiers and sailors of the Nfld. Regiment, and when the time had passed the ship backed out from her dock on the voyage to North Sydney, the following additional passengers sailed by her:—R. W. Strong, Errol McDonald, Miss A. Hammond, David and Mrs. Johnston, Rev. P. W. Browne, Mrs. S. Chate Mrs. J. S. Brown and 2 children, P. J.

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