



Evening Telegram

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Friday, February 25, 1921.

Tory Times are Hard Times.

In an effort to inflame the public against the late Government, and to associate it with some melancholy incidents in the past history of this country, the men now in power and their newspaper organs try to fasten on their opponents the stigma of being Tories and reactionaries, and in the last election the cry that "Tory times are hard times" was given full effect. Of course, the principal object of this scheme was to make out to the great bulk of the people how much better times they would have with the new Government, especially a "Liberal-Reform" Government headed by "patriots" like Messrs. Squires and Coaker, and made up of men who wanted nothing for themselves, but were filled solely with the desire for the public good. These people have now been in power nearly a year and a half, and how have their promises of good times and prosperity for the people been realized? Can any fair-minded man look back on any period in the history of this country for the past twenty-five years and find conditions at all approaching in their gloominess and despair those through which we are passing at the present? Can any unbiased observer truthfully say that since the days of the Bank Crash this country has been faced with anything like the conditions which face it to-day, or the people been reduced to anything like the widespread and crushing distress which is the portion of so many of its inhabitants to-day? The very elements themselves seem to have joined in visiting disapproval upon the pack of tricksters who seized public office by means of this cry, and who have been the means of undermining the industrial, commercial and financial structure of Newfoundland, until to-day hunger and cold are stalking through the whole length and breadth of the land, and whole communities are reduced to a common level of misery and distress.

We are not so unscrupulous as to argue that any responsibility for the present weather conditions attaches to the present Government, although the campaign speakers and writers of the Liberal-Reform Party had no hesitation in the General Election campaign in ascribing every misfortune from which this country had suffered for years previously to the men who were at that time in power. We have no hesitation though in asserting that if this Government had taken proper precautions to conserve the public interests and promote employment for the working classes; had refrained from interfering with our fisheries; had practised a sane and common-sense method of dealing with public affairs, the people of Newfoundland would be very much better able to face the rigors of this winter, and the hardships that have to be suffered, than they now are. We go further and say that a great deal of the distress, the unem-

ployment, the stagnation, which prevails in this country to-day, could have been avoided entirely if the present Government had shown only the rudiments of a capacity to administer our public affairs in the way they should have been. No consideration, whatever, has at any time since these people took office been given to our staple industries. There has been no intelligent foresight applied to protecting the mass of the people, who cannot protect themselves, from suffering the worst effects of the world depression which now exists. The present Government were lavish in promises before they took office, but from that day until this every step they have taken, every measure they have attempted, has added to the condition of ruin which their very election seems to have brought upon the country. Go where you will to-day, in the city, or in the outports, you find people denouncing this Government, denouncing the men who compose it, for their utter indifference to the sufferings of the people, and for their absolute inability to take any step to lessen the miseries from which our people suffer.

The whole and sole object of the existence of the present Government seems to be to enable themselves and their friends to make the most of things for themselves while the opportunity lasts. In this city, to-day, and in every outport district all round the country, are people in dire distress and with no outlook before them except the gloomiest, and yet the members of the Government are doing nothing to assist them. Rumor says there has not been an Executive meeting for weeks, and the members of the Government seem to be too well fixed in their comfortable homes or equally comfortable offices, to care whether their neighbors perish or survive. A really progressive and enlightened Government, sympathetic of the distress which affected the people whose destinies were entrusted to their care, would be showing some evidences of a readiness to assist in devising plans by which such conditions as overshadow this country just now might be coped with. Governments in other parts of the world, in the Mother Country, in Canada and the United States, in Australia and elsewhere, are exhibiting some interest in the welfare of the people, are devising schemes of employment, and associating themselves actively and directly with the misfortunes of the people and working out measures for their relief, and the bettering of the conditions of life, but here in Newfoundland we might have no Government at all for anything that those in power are doing to-day. They are acting as if they had done like the bears, dug themselves in for the winter and gone to sleep. They could not be more conspicuous by their absence or their lack of action to help the people than they exhibit now. They are neither seen nor heard of, and our unfortunate country is running itself as best it can, and our people are enduring the miseries of the worst winter in the history of living men, without any action to help them in this trying period being taken by the men, who were so profuse in promises to that effect a year or two ago. The men of Harbor Main District can see the truth of this as well as anybody else, and can visit proper punishment on these political tricksters by rejecting their candidates at the bye-election next month and choosing in their place the representatives of the Opposition Party, MESSRS. JONES AND LEWIS.

COASTAL BOATS.
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FROM CAPE RACE.
Special to Evening Telegram
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McMurdo's Store News.
FRIDAY, Feb. 25.
One of the most popular wares remedies has always been Robinson's Universal Corn and Wart Solvent. Pencil, in use, the Universal is simplicity itself, and in effectiveness there are few preparations of the kind to equal this pencil. Price 30c. each.

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GREAT METHODIST RALLY.—Don't forget the great Methodist Rally in Gower Street Church at 8 o'clock this evening. A hearty welcome awaits all who come.

Echoes of Harbor Main.

It does seem ridiculous to picture the one and only "Doc" out in Harbor Main trying to explain away the frightful "bulls" made by the present apology for a Government.

Although the "Doc" has had plenty of experience with bulls, it will take more than his explanations to blind the eyes of the intelligent voters of Harbor Main to the true state of affairs.

Does the "Doc" really think that the Harbor Main electors will allow themselves to be bulldozed by a nonentity who came down from Prince Edward Island a few years ago and immediately began to attempt to tell the people of this country what to do. It is about time he was shown that this impertinence will not be countenanced by an independent electorate. If the "Doc" was as good at "chewing the rag" as he is at chewing gum, nothing would hold him. He certainly excels, though, at throwing the "bull."

And so Ken Ruby was at Harbor Main, too. It is very evident that several of the Government institutions are going to invest very shortly in new sets of galvanized buckets and enamel mugs. What "mugs" Ken and his companions are if they think the Harbor Main electors are going to listen to such as they.

Judging from reports of the eloquent speeches "Doc" Campbell is making, Ananias has at last been beaten at his own game. The "Doc" has certainly added to his laurels by doing Ananias out of his place in the sun. It wasn't by any means easy, but trust the "Doc."

There are a great many men in Harbor Main to-day who would have been much better off if the Government had not made the frightful blunders that it has done, and they are not likely to forget it, when polling day comes.

Won't Hawco be Furey-us when the result of the poll at Harbor Main is proclaimed. The Government candidates haven't a leg to stand on, and the "Doc" and our "Ken" are not going to help matters much.

Is there any intelligent man in the country to-day who is going to back the Government in their destructive policy. It is up to the Harbor Main voters to show our blundering politicians what the country's opinion of them is and that they will do it in no uncertain way is not doubted for a moment.

The P.E.I. Camel will have to hang on till the sands of the desert grow cold, if he wants to see Hawco and Furey representing Harbor Main. The poll at Harbor Main is going to be the straw that broke the "Campbell's" back.

It is said that the reason the "Doc" is fighting so hard in a lost cause, is that, as a reward for his labors, he is going to be presented with a whole chewing gum factory for himself when he will have a never-ending supply of that delightful sweetmeat of his.

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A Triumph of Discipline.

A most painful feeling of horror and compassion was excited in Great Britain in April, 1852, when the news arrived of the wreck of the "Birkenhead" off the coast of South Africa with 436 souls on board, on February 25. At that period news took a long time to reach England from Natal, but when it did arrive, the horror caused by so dreadful a catastrophe was somewhat mitigated with admiration for the coolness, courage, and discipline displayed by the brave troops of various regiments who were on board, and the crew, on that ill-fated day. Of all the boats, only three were available, and into these the women and children were placed as calmly as if there were no danger. In fact, the discipline shown was almost superhuman; everyone did as he was directed, all the officers received their orders, and had them carried out, as if the men were embezzled, instead of going to the bottom of the sea. When the vessel was about to settle down, the commander cried out: "All those who can swim jump overboard and make for the boats." But knowing that the boats with the women must inevitably be swamped if they did so, not more than three made the attempt. And so those heroes died, standing at attention as the vessel went down. In Parliament and in public, it was felt that those on board met their death with more courage and self-sacrifice than if they had been killed in action. Death by the sword or bullet is with the ordinary condition of a soldier's career, but at sea, in the silence of the night, to meet death in the deep waters, with nerves braced to cold determination, to obey the command which restrains from action, and perhaps from safety, to prefer death to imperilling the lives of women and children, is indeed a spectacle of moral and physical courage of the utmost admiration.

And yet, as Mr. O'Hall observed, "The English celebrate no 'Birkenhead' Day." In the recent war many thousands of soldiers met a watery grave through submarine or mine explosion, but those events were not quite so characteristic of British discipline as the "Birkenhead" disaster, as they were risks which were anticipated by our splendid troops.

Collier's Refused Hear.
Campbell Speaks.
CONCEPTION H.R., Yesterday. (Special to Evening Telegram.)
Meeting of Reformers (?) held at Colliers last night. An assistant school teacher acting as chairman. Government candidates, Hawco and Furey spoke for a short while. Campbell was refused a hearing. One of the audience took charge of the meeting and in a sound logical speech put the Government candidates to rout. The meeting lasted only half an hour and closed with cheers for Jones and Lewis.

Conditions at Bay de L'au.

MAN DROPS FROM HUNGER.
Special to Evening Telegram
BAY DE L'EAU via
BAIRNE HARBOR, Yesterday.
Conditions here worst ever experienced. Men anxious to cut pit props, but no food is available. Navigation is closed and no water is in sight from the highest mountain top. Food is used badly. Wm. Shynard of Parkers Cove gave out on the ice at Boat Harbor. Hunger was the cause. He cut his hand and face much frozen when found, and is now very ill.

Country Must Wait

ON PICKNICKERS.
So far the Fish Exporters have not had any reply from the Government to their resolution passed this day week, asking that the Fish Regulations for Portugal be rescinded. The reason for the delay is said to be that the Executive is unable to form a quorum until some of the absent members return to town. Meanwhile it is rumored that Mr. Coaker, who is now on his way to Lisbon, has sent a message of warning, and threatening dire disaster if the regulations are lifted.

No Sign of Crew.

The Deputy Minister of Customs is in receipt of the following message from the Sub-Collector at Burgo:—"No sign of crew of schooner County of Richmond on Penguin Island or Cape Lahune. The position of the wreck is unchanged, only part of the vessels stern showing above water."

An Interesting Report.

It is said that the Engineers report on the shortage of water at the Palace fire last week will prove of interest to citizens. The Engineer has been ordered to make a full written report to the Council, and it is expected that it will be made public in a few days.

The C. C. C. Committee.

The C. C. C. Committee will meet this Friday evening at 8.15 o'clock in the C. C. C. Hall, Mechanics' Building. E. T. FUR- LONG, Secy.—Feb 25.11

New Bank of Commerce

A CREDIT TO THE CITY—OPEN FOR BUSINESS FEBRUARY 25.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Greig, under whose direction the new Canadian Bank of Commerce was built, a Telegram reporter was shown over the building to-day. Both inside and outside the new Bank is a structure which would do credit to any city, and Mr. Greig and the Dickie Construction Company for whom he is acting deserve to be congratulated on their splendid work. On the outside the building presents a very fine appearance. It has a terra cotta front whilst the rear and side walls are of brick covered with concrete. In the main entrance is a revolving door, of which there is only one other in the city at present. Our representative was first shown through the basement, which amongst other things contains an up-to-date system of ventilation and a very modern heating apparatus. The book vault is in the basement, and there is an hydraulic lift—the only one in the city—to bring the books to the office floor. The main floor is laid out in an excellent manner. It, of course, contains the usual counters and desks, and two cages for the tellers. The floor is entirely covered with cork linoleum, which was specially imported from England. The manager's office, which is on this floor, and looks out on Water Street, is a most luxurious apartment. The door is of oak, as are also the walls, the panelling giving a very fine effect. The steel-lined cash vault is on the main floor, and there is a tiny apartment for the use of those who possess safety deposit boxes in the bank. A balcony, in the centre of which is a clock, looks down upon the office, facing east. On this balcony the stenographers will work, while there is quite a large and well fitted apartment leading off the balcony which will be used as a ladies' rest room. The top floor of the building will be used by the Bank's staff. There are ten bedrooms on this floor, all very commodious and well furnished, and there are also lavatories and quite a large recreation room. This last is not yet fitted up, but it will be an ideal room for the purpose when everything is installed. Amongst other things a billiard table will probably form part of the fittings. The whole of this floor is of hardwood, and, in fact, no expense has been spared on any part of the building in making it what is undoubtedly one of the best fitted banks in the city.

Amongst the many innovations introduced into the Bank is an automatic safety valve which, if the water pressure becomes extraordinarily heavy, will cause the extra pressure to blow off automatically. All the woodwork and furniture in the Bank came from Canada, whilst the bedding, etc., was imported from England.

The building was started by the Dickie Construction Company under the direction of Mr. Greig in December, 1919, but the work was interrupted by the hard winter which was experienced here last year. In the spring, however, the work was continued and the present magnificent building is the result. Too much credit cannot be given the contractors for their excellent work, and the management of the Canadian Bank of Commerce for adorning our city with such a splendid edifice.

To-morrow the removal from the old building will be commenced and on Monday morning business will be conducted in the new offices, under the capable management of Mr. H. M. Stewart.

Handling Food.

Teamsters are experiencing much trouble hauling loads on the principal streets, due to gulches and the frost thaw of yesterday and to-day. Quite a lot of goods is being damaged by filthy water splashing on them, as they go through the gulches. Some of the goods are being spoiled. It is stated by a case witnessed this morning, when a young truckman was seen hauling a load of fresh beef to a West End store. One of the quarters slipping, was pulled through the slush for nearly the whole length of Water Street, the man not making any effort to place it properly on his sleds. Where were the Health and Food authorities?

Train Notes.

The rotary, which left here yesterday at 12 noon left Brigus Junction at 6 a.m. to-day and arrived at White-borne at 11 a.m.
The outgoing express with local mails and passengers, left here at 8 p.m. yesterday.
No. 2 rotary left Rantem at 11 a.m. to-day. It is preceding the incoming local express.
No. 3 rotary went out on a trial trip yesterday as far as LeMessurier's Out on the Trepassey Branch.
The Carbone train is running on time.

POSTPONED—The Hockey Match, advertised for to-night, has been postponed.
One of the most remarkable instances of service to the royal family is furnished by Sir Dighton, McNamara Probyn, who was equerry to King Edward when Prince of Wales in 1872, and is now comptroller of the household for Dowager Queen Alexandra.

THE MAILS.—A large quantity of mail, which was lying at the railway station for dispatch to Trinity and other Northern points, was brought back to the Post Office to-day to be sent by steamer later on.

A Winter Sunset.

One pleasant eve of late as home I aimed,
Pond'ring o'er what the day had brought,
The morrow would bring forth, I sudden stayed—
The winter sunset my attention claimed.
Alone I stood, all pleased and yet half awed,
As wrapt in pensive mood I silent watched
In wondrous beauty all around unfold
The great and e'er recurring works of God.

The Orb of Day has now performed his round,
His diurnal task is done, and in the West
Majestic he retires, his latest rays
Glamour the Earth and Sky, magnificently profound.
The Eastern hills, snow-clad, reflect the light,
Each white-capped peak seems haloed in the glare.
A hollow here, or here a wind-swept rock
A contrast makes—all else is radiant bright.

The late effulgence plays upon a pane
In Cabot's Tower, and mirrored back it blazes like a beacon, or a fire
Lit to Baal's honor in some Druid Pane.
The clouds that erst were ethereal blue,
Steeped in the glow take on a deeper tint,
Maroon, and red, and rose, and gold,
The farther off receive the lesser hue.
My gaze I turn toward the Occidental rim—
Where, on the slope, clothed with Spruce and Fir
Mottled with snow, my vision rests:
Above the Crest an arc of dun light slowly grows dim.

Luna, the queen of Night, Reflector of the Sun,
Mounts up the Eastern sky, still pale, but soon
The day's last gleam is gone: in splendour full
She rides amid the clouds: the Night's begun.

Star-begemmed Night! beautiful, serene!
The hours of toil are done, the toilers take
Their homeward way with bodies tired,
And appetites by labor whetted keen,
And then a voice within me 'gan to pray
"O God, to us Thou hast not given
A fruitful land, a climate sweet and mild,
Still at Thy feet our homage and thanks we lay,
With other people we are equal blest,
With all its faults we love our own land best,
We thank Thee for Thy gifts to us, through which
Thy love for us is e'er made manifest."

—J. A. McCarthy.

Exchange.

TO-DAY.
Buying 60 days \$4.31
Selling 4.37
YESTERDAY.
Buying 4.39
Selling 4.39
AMERICAN.
Buying 14%
Selling 13%

Here and There.

The PARADE RINK will NOT be open to-night.—Feb 25.11

ENTERED TO LOAD.—Schr. Genorcy Smuts has entered to load fish at Hjermtage from S. Harris, Ltd., for Oporto.

STILL IN CRITICAL CONDITION.—The Redeptionist Missionary, Rev. Father O'Brien, who is at the Southcott Hospital with an attack of pneumonia, spent a very poor night and his condition which yesterday was critical has not improved to-day.

The St. George's Society deserves the endorsement of every one in the country with British blood in his or her veins. Do not let your race be the only one without a national organization.

CL.B.C. HOCKEY.—An interesting game of hockey was played at the CL.B. Armory last night between a team of officers and one representing the Old Comrades. The latter won after a keenly contested game by a score of 4 goals to 0. C.S.M. Rendell was referee.

SLASHING REPLY.—We are in receipt of a lengthy communication from Mr. Geo. W. B. Ayre in reply to "Give Us a Rest," and in which Mr. Ayre also huddles over with wrath, because Editors WILL persist in allowing writers to use names de guerre. But we must ask the reading public to have patience until to-morrow.

WELL DRESSED AT SMALL COST.—If you do not intend to get a Suit or Overcoat for the holiday season, you can at least be well dressed by having your clothes cleaned and pressed at SPURRELL, the Tailor's, 365 Water Street, and it will cost you about \$1.50. Do you need a new Velvet Collar on your Overcoat?—m.w.f.f.f

ASK YOUR BOY AND GIRL if they would like to assist the Orphans by cutting the Matinee of the Prince of Pilsen to-morrow, and listen to the shout of assent.

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Flour—The very best	\$1.00 stone
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Beans—Very fine White	7c. lb.
Peas—The best Marrowfat	7c. lb.
Rice—Finest uncoated	8c. lb.
Eggs—Choice Newlaid	\$1.00 doz.
Rolled Oats—Best quality	\$1.05 stone
Bacon—Good local	43c. lb.
Bacon—"Sinclair's"	65c. lb.
Apricots—Large size	40c. can

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Here and There.
THE ONE AND ONLY chance remaining to see the "Prince of Pilsen" is at the Matinee to-morrow. Don't miss it.

NO PRACTICE.—There will be NO practice for Gower Street Choir to-night.—Feb 25.11

CRUELTY TO CHILDREN.—It's an act of cruelty to little children not to send them to the Prince of Pilsen Matinee to-morrow afternoon, in aid of the Orphans.

Brick's Tasteless makes you eat. For sale at STAFFORD'S. Price \$1.20; postage 20c. extra.

RUSHING REPAIRS.—Repairs to the Gloucester and Prospero are now being rushed at the dock. The men employed are working on a nine hour shift.

There will be a Card Tournament in the T. A. Armory on Friday, Feb. 25th. Good prizes offered.—Feb 25.11

POSTPONED.—The meeting of the Self-Determination League for Ireland, advertised to take place to-night in the T.A. Armory, is postponed until Monday next at 9 p.m.

IT IS PROPOSED that there shall be a full house at the Matinee in aid of the Orphans to-morrow. All in favor of that please say "aye".

Those who would like to see the St. George's Society started here should buy a copy of "The Battle of the Scribes". They will get in an amusing manner an account of a much discussed matter.—Feb 25.11

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Fancy Cream or Milk Jugs, 3 sizes,
18c., 23c., 27c.

Soup Plates.
Best White Earthen—Large size,
25c. each.

Dinner Sets.
26 pieces, in Dark Blue, Green and Grey, floral designs.
\$16.00 Set.

Tea Sets.
Best English China, 21 pieces.
\$9.75 Set.

Breakfast Cups and Saucers.
White and Gold—Large size.
30c. each.

Toilet Sets.
Best White Earthen, 4 pieces.
\$3.70 Set.
All others in Floral and Gold traced are marked down. Come in and see them.

Statues.
Now is the time to get a Bargain in these. We have not more than about one dozen in stock at various prices.

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