



Evening Telegram

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A Nebulous Proposition.

There is talk on Water Street of a Government guarantee for the purchase of Labrador Fish. It is very nebulous—one might say a very "shady"—proposition, and details are hard to get. But one thing is certain—a raid on the Treasury is being concocted. A guarantee is a pledge that if the other fellow does not pay, you will. It is usually given when the guarantor's credit is better than that of the fellow who wants the money. Usually, too, the guarantor runs all the risk, and the other fellow scoops all the profit, if any. That is how we understand the present project.

It is said that the Banks are willing to advance Five Dollars per quintal on the purchase of Labrador Fish, and that the Government is to guarantee a loan of FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS, and that with combined Bank and Government money, ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND QUINTALS of Labrador fish are to be purchased, and held, the Banks having a first lien and the Government a second lien on this quantity for repayment. This fish would then be marketed by somebody or bodies, who would pocket any profits, and the Government would be naturally, the only possible loser. The first objection, and about the only enforceable one, is this—the Government has no legal authority to give any such guarantee, and it would not be worth-in-law—the paper upon which it was written. So that no lenders are likely to be found. There are men in the Colony, however, who are prepared to take all necessary legal steps to protect the Treasury.

In case of a legal guarantee and loss thereunder, the property of the Colony would be primarily liable, but private property, as well, would be indirectly endangered. The public credit is lowered by giving public guarantees. Every public obligation assumed decreases the value of the security for the Bonds of the Colony. The depositors in the Government Savings Bank have their securities decreased every time a Government guarantee is given. Under the wild and reckless financing of the day, security becomes less every day, and alarm may well be felt when it is proposed to use public money or public credit for the purpose of buying fish to be juggled with by speculators.

Blocking Purchases.

If New York and other United States buyers are ready and willing to purchase fish in Newfoundland, why block them by the imposition of regulations and restrictions, which have only a tendency to exclude them from our ports, thus reducing competition and narrowing down the number of ready money men to a few local merchants, who may or may not pay cash, and, with no active competitors, offer the fishermen the barest

pittance for their produce. Such a course can have but one possible end—a reversion to the Truck System, that evil trading which was for years and years the bane of Newfoundland. And has the country only gotten out of it to be thrust back again by those in power? The removal of competition means the death of fair trade and fair prices. Yet that is the end which is being sought by the means of restrictive legislation and reactionary enactments. Friends of the Fish Regulations may say what they will, but not a scintilla of proof has been adduced to show the benefits derived by the fishermen from the passage of all the Acts of the present Government bearing upon the fishery. These men will tell that so far from resulting to their advantage, the regulations have been alarmingly detrimental, and nothing has accrued to them in the way of extra prices or profits.

It is not wise to frighten away prospective buyers at any time, but more particularly is it dangerous at the present, when Newfoundland has thousands of quintals of fish to market, and the markets are not over-responsive, with dealers waiting for prices to drop, and sellers holding stocks for a rise. In addition there is a glut of fish in various United States ports, immense quantities of home fish being in the stores of dealers, who are looking for more profitable prices than are being offered. As a consequence of such a condition, there are no buyers being made on the West Coast, as formerly, by United States purchasers. Nor have there been any sales of fish from the knife, or salt bulk, made to Canadian buyers on that coast for similar reasons. One of these, early in the season, loaded several cargoes for shipment to United States centres, but recent advances tell that up to the present only one small lot of this has been disposed of, the remainder being held in storage at Gloucester and other New England sea ports. By reason of this, it is not possible for any new season's transactions to be made, and the consequence is that there is no fishing now being done on the West Coast, because there are no purchasers. Is it wise then, in view of this, to drive away from St. John's a trade that has been so profitable? Is not the purpose of shutting out Americans proof that certain people in St. John's abhor competition, and desire to get everything into their own dragnet to the loss and disadvantage of the fishermen as a class?

Our Elusive Premier.

Is the Prime Minister lost? If not, where is he? What has become of him? Does anyone know? Some few months ago he went to England. We hear of him at Bristol next. Will-o'-the-wisp-like, he is visiting the battlefields in France—now he is in England again—now we hear of him in Canada—lastly we are told he has gone to Italy. Surely he is not being held to ransom by Italian brigands! In the meantime the country is facing a crisis. Not only the Premier, but the Minister of Justice is away. The Minister of Marine and Fisheries is trying to pilot the country to safe anchorage, unaided. How can he succeed? The country wants as leader the man they elected to lead them, but he is missing. He, the appointed leader, has been tried and found wanting. Imagine a ship without the captain and first mate trying to enter a dangerous harbor. In the same way the ship of state is trying to weather the tempest minus its captain and mate.

Does not the Premier realize his duty to the people who elected him? If he does, why is he not here trying to bring the country through these perilous times? He may succeed, and he may not, but his duty lies here and here he ought to be. Let him come back to do what he can to avert the financial disaster which threatens this country, and let us not say a la Baronesse Orczy, "We seek him here, Our demmed, elusive Premier."

Mrs. H. Outerbridge, assisted by good local talent, will give an Entertainment at Cathedral Parish Bazaar.—oct22,23,26,27

Attempted Suicide While Mentally Depressed.

On Wednesday last, Oct. 20, the community was shocked to hear that a young woman of Bluff Head Cove, daughter of Mr. Manuel Brown, had attempted suicide with a razor. The girl, who was about twenty five had been ill and low spirited and was thought to be getting better. During the absence of her people, who were digging potatoes she evidently procured a razor and slashed her throat. Her mother returning to the house for bags for the potatoes heard groans and found the poor girl on the floor. The doctor and clergyman were summoned and the former stitched up the cut, which fortunately was not fatal through dangerous and hopes are entertained for her recovery.—Twillingate Sun.

Light Suppers, Coffee, Sandwiches, Lemonade, Cakes, Toast, Biscuit, Tea, Chocolate will be served till 11.30 during the theatrical season at the Blue Puttee; also Ice Cream, Ice Cream Sodas, etc.—oct25,26

Firemen Called Out.

Last midnight an alarm of fire was sent in from the box at the junction of King's Road and Duckworth St. calling out the Central and Eastern companies. The alarm was rung in by a gentleman of the East End, who saw a body of smoke issuing from Johnson's Bakery. When the firemen arrived they made an entrance to the rear of the building to investigate, but found that their services were not needed as the only thing wrong was that the furnace was smoking.

Motor Car Kits Stolen.

Last night while the owners of three motor cars which operate for hire from Portugal Cove to the city were having a lunch, some sneak thieves ransacked their vehicles and took away all the tools and emergency kits. The cars were left by the owners near the Post Office, and the theft was not discovered until preparations to return to the Cove were being made. The matter was reported to the police, who will no doubt locate the culprits.

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G. W. V. A. Ladies' Association.

The Ladies Association of the G.W.V.A. will hold their first meeting for this season in Bishop Spencer College Hall on Friday evening next. These meetings were a big success last season and during the coming winter the Association will meet twice monthly.

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To Beat H. C. L.

READ THIS, AND ACT.

We would refer our readers to the sale of stock now taking place at Eden's store. This seems to us an ideal way in which the housewife of St. John's may deal the H.C.L. a serious blow this winter, as they are selling off all their stock at practically cost price and much of it below even cost. The sale only lasts till the end of this week and possibly the following week. So we would advise everybody to take advantage of the offer as soon as possible as everything is going very quickly.

We have in stock a large assortment of Electrical Goods, consisting of Table Lamps, Brass and Oxidized Fittings, Shades, Globes, Electric Bells, Switches, Lamp Cord, Rubber Covered and Weatherproof Wire, Toasters, Grills, Percolators, Warming Pads, etc., etc.

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Tuned for Great Race.

Gloucester, Mass., Oct. 22.—The final tuning up of the schooner Esperanto, was pushed to-day in anticipation of getting her off the ways by Saturday. It is planned to give her a trial spin on Sunday, and on Monday she will sail for Halifax to meet the Delaware, in the international races to decide the highest honors among the fishing craft. Eight tons of pig iron and chain have been stored in the bilges and over this a platform has been laid to carry two tons of sand bags. The sand bags will be shifted on the trip to Halifax to give the schooner the proper trim, but in the race, according to the rules, the ballast cannot be shifted.

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The Sugar Bungle.

So far nothing has been done regarding the 500 sacks of brown sugar imported by the S. S. Venator. It has been offered for sale at 18 cents, but storekeepers who purchase can not get a delivery permit, consequently it has to remain stored. An effort is being made to have the Food Control Board handle the lot, but it appears that the new law, which the Government enacted, prevents the F. C. B. itself from importing, consequently the lot must remain stored at a loss to everybody. The Food Control Board is in a like position with regard to any sugar they had purchased in the foreign market, yet unshipped, and unless the law is altered none can come in, and we may look for cheaper sugar sooner than we expect. Some of the F. C. B. granulated sugar in sacks, which was distributed, is being turned back by purchasers to dealers owing to it being unfit for use. The dealers in turn put the loss on the Food Control Board. Altogether there are some thousands of dollars' worth of this fish-smelling and dirty sugar turned back, one firm alone returning over a ton to the distributors. What will be done with it is a puzzle.

A Thrilling Drama.

Klark-Urban Company in "A Tailor Made Man."

Those patrons of the drama who had assembled last night in the Casino Theatre to accord a welcome to the ever-popular Klark-Urban Co., were not disappointed with their favorites. Though having undergone some reorganization since the last visit here, the new artistes added to the troupe have enhanced its already high reputation, and received a welcome not less than that given older acquaintances.

The opening play of the engagement "A Tailor Made Man," is one of the best ever put on in St. John's by a visiting company, the performers taking advantage of every good situation and maintaining consistent acting, the whole two hours and a half occupied by the presentation containing not one dull moment. Into the plot of the play entered to some extent labor questions, the settlement of a strike being one of the principals. There is also a strong love interest and a complete vein of humour, which greatly amused the audience.

Miss Maisie Cecil starred as Tanya Huber, and added to her laurels. She was ably supported by Mr. Harden Klark, who has lost none of his old-time histrionic talent, and as John Paul Bart, tailor's worker and manager of the Oceanic S.S. Company, gained new fame in his chosen field. Billy Webb, as Peter the sitcher, was great, and his excellent acting received thunderous applause. Mr. Craig Nelson, as Dr. Gustavus Sonntag, Mr. Thomas Brown, as the great Nathan, Mr. J. W. Burrows, in the dual capacity of Anton Huber and Mark Stanlaw, Miss Lillian Dean, as Mrs. Stanlaw, Miss Dot Jewell, as Corinne Stanlaw, Mr. Louis Everstine "the newspaper man," played good parts and kept up the characters portrayed by them very effectively. Pomeroy, the English valet of Mr. Theo Jellcott (Nesbitt Scoville) the aspiring yachtsman, was played by Charlie Palazzi. The strike committee, Messrs. Fox, Webber, Russell and Gardner, were "it" to the letter. Miss Nita Mack, as Mrs. Fitzmorris, did not have a leading part, but will make good when appearing in other plays. Miss Leona Leslie, as Miss Shanna "the ever ready and unper-turbable" stenographer of "Oceanic," was exceptional. Altogether this comedy-drama, which will be repeated to-night is well worth seeing.

The many patrons of the Roller Rink are asked to please note that, beginning from to-day, skates can be procured for both ladies and gents at 10 cents, instead of 15 cents as formerly. Rink open to children every afternoon. Admission 10 cents, Skates 5 cents.—oct26,27

Fractured Collar Bone.

Yesterday afternoon, while coming from school, Stanley G., youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Lumsden, attempted to walk the top of a fence on LeMarchant Road, with the result that he fell some considerable distance, suffering a fracture of the collar bone and receiving some other injuries. He was unconscious when taken home and only came to himself at 1 o'clock this morning. All the skill that can be given is being applied to the case, but it will be some time ere the little fellow will be about again.

Horse Took Fright.

A horse owned by James Murphy of Kilbride took fright on Queen St. this forenoon and dashed down to Water St., where it fell on the sidewalk opposite Slater's dry goods store. The animal was not injured, but the express to which it was attached was shook up and the shafts broken. The driver, who held on in the wagon, escaped without a scratch.

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Civil Court.

A mason of the higher levels sued a furniture manufacturer for \$23, due on work done a chimney. The work occupied 40 hours which time the defendant claimed was too long. Two witnesses for the complainant were examined and judgment for the full amount was given.

A police officer was sued by a citizen for damages arising out of an assault. Several witnesses testified that the complainant was hit by the officer. The assault took place on New Gower St. on the 19th inst. Damages to the amount of \$5 were awarded.

Fined for Smuggling.

The Customs Department have been advised that four men of S.S. Dominion Trader charged with smuggling a quantity of tobacco from St. Pierre were tried before Magistrate McDonald at Fortune. Each man was fined \$50 and the tobacco confiscated.

Don't miss the Card Tournament to be held in British Club Rooms, British Hall, on this Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock. oct26,27

Sable I. Passengers.

S.S. Sable I. sailed for North Sydney at 2 p.m. taking the following passengers:—W. Townsend, W. G. Mould, Miss A. Walsh, G. N. Robertson, J. Nugent, Miss J. Fahey, Miss F. Fahey, Miss G. Chisholm, Master A. Chisholm, Mrs. M. Chambers, John Kelly, J. K. Remister, H. A. Heater, Ed. Whelan, C. A. Leverman, T. B. McGrath.

Schooner Fell Over.

A three masted schooner which was being taken up on the floating dock on the Southside, fell over lying on the tackle gave out, and is now lying on her starboard beam ends. The extent of the damage—if any—or if any person injured could not be ascertained up to press hour.

Dolls and other Toys for the children at Cathedral Parish Bazaar.—oct23,25,27

Personal.

Miss Maymie Archibald, was in town visiting some friends, returned to Hr. Grace by last night's train. Miss Archibald has been on a vacation since June last and was the guest of her brother, Mr. Harry Archibald, Hr. Grace. She joined to-day's express for New York, where she will resume private nursing.

Floral Tributes to the Departed.

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MARRIED.

On Oct. 24th at the R. C. Cathedral, by Rev. Mons. McDermott, Lucy M. Power, to W. Earles, both of this city.

DIED.

Passed peacefully away at the Sanatorium, at 9.15 yesterday morning, October 25th, Margaret, eldest daughter of the late James and Mary Tobin, fortified by the rites of the Holy Catholic Church, leaving to mourn two sisters, two brothers, relatives and a large circle of friends. Funeral takes place Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m. from her sister's residence Mrs. D. Hogan, 73 New Gower Street; friends and acquaintances please accept this, the only intimation.—R.I.P.

—21— This morning, Margaret, darling child of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Morrissey, Scott Street, aged 3½ months, after a tedious illness, Philip Dwyer, a highly respected resident of that place, leaving a wife, three sisters and one brother, and a large circle of friends.—Rest in Peace.

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Wednesday & Thursday, Oct. 27th & 28th

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