



## Evening Telegram

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### The Portuguese Situation.

Mingled ignorance and perversion of the truth stamp the remarks of the Advocate about the situation at Oporto. It is not with any hope of enlightening its darkness, or with any hope of making that paper more veracious that we offer some comment upon the assertions made in its Tuesday issue: but merely that the real truth may be placed before the public for the benefit of the intelligent, and those who are not led astray by Coakeresque portrayals. The Advocate exists only by Mr. Coaker and for Mr. Coaker, and uses either truth or the opposite, as the case may be, for the political purposes of that now discredited prophet. The Advocate said on Tuesday

(1) Coaker, in Oporto, was able to dispose of all the fish for the Portuguese market at a fair price.

(2) Fish, lying in Oporto on consignment which had to come under the arrangements made by Coaker, and he sold at prices which had been arranged, was being sold under regulation prices.

(3) Oporto firms protested against Coaker's arrangements, and the exporters got fussy and would not keep up the prices, but voted to lift the regulations, and so threw away the chance of the sure and certain prices which Coaker offered, thus spoiling one of the greatest deals ever put through.

(4) Amongst the exporters who voted to lift the regulations were many who had no interest in the Portuguese market.

(5) The exporters wilfully sacrificed the millions of dollars Coaker could have saved for them, because they want low prices next autumn, and finally

(6) Lifting the regulations means the dropping of fish prices here this year, and it is all done through jealousy of Coaker, who will not be in any degree or manner responsible for the financial condition of the country.

We wish to impress upon our readers the fact that the whole of the foregoing six points are those of the Advocate—not ours—and are stated in almost the very words used by that journal without the rhodomontade however which camouflages them to some extent in the Advocate's own columns. They would be too brazenly absurd if nakedly stated. Having thus given them minus their embroidery let us now proceed to state the truth as it is, with equal baldness, and to clearly analyse the assertions of Coaker's organ.

(1) Coaker was not able to make and did not make in Oporto, a sale of all the fish in that port, on the way there, or stored in St. John's, for that market, for a fair price, and the pretence that he was so able or did make such sale as boasted by the Advocate is absolutely and intentionally untruthful.

(2) If fish in Oporto on consignment was being sold under

the regulation prices, which we deny, and of which we challenge the Advocate to produce proof, the guilty markets were subject to penalties under the regulations themselves, and Coaker had a remedy at his hand; but did not Coaker himself sell cargoes of fish in Oporto under regulation prices?

(3) Coaker informed the Exporters that the Oporto firms agreed to his proposed arrangements—a statement that is debatable—and he furthermore failed to furnish exporters with a copy of such arrangement (or proposals) though they repeatedly requested it, and they (exporters) finally declined to approve of any arrangement, because they were convinced that Coaker's antics would destroy the Portuguese market altogether, as they had already destroyed the Italian market.

(4) The Exporters, big and little, came unanimously to the decision to lift the regulations.

(5) It is idiotic to say that they wilfully or consciously schemed to incur the loss of "millions" because they wanted to buy at low prices next autumn. With the present outlook in the foreign markets, it is extremely doubtful if merchants will feel safe in buying fish at any price next fall; and it is almost certain that they will not dare to do so if Coaker continues to wield the power to destroy them.

(6) The regulations can only be "lifted" by the Government.

The Exporters only have the power to recommend. The Government alone can repeal. Mr. Coaker has declared that the regulations embody governmental policy, and has also declared that they are the will of the people. "I am the Government" he is stated to have asserted in Portugal recently. If then the lifting of the regulations injures the fishermen, Mr. Coaker himself will be personally responsible. Should he continue to obdurate the regulations can only be repealed over his political body. Let him maintain them or resign.

### From the Fleet.

**NO SIGN OF IMPROVEMENT.**  
The following messages were received from the sealing fleet since Wednesday, March 16th.

**TO BOWLING BROS.**  
Eagle—Position about the same; jammed.  
Terra Nova—Jammed all day; position unchanged.

**Ranger**—Blowing S. E. gale and snowing. Weather conditions retard work; 1000 aboard and stowed down.

**TO REID CO.**  
Sagana—Jammed all day; ice conditions bad.

**TO JOB BROS.**  
Neptune—Same position; in company with all ships; jammed.

**LAST NIGHT.**  
**TO BOWLING BROS.**  
Viking—Crew have panned 500 today; ice in heavy sheets, making slow progress; position 40 miles E.S.E. of Bird Rocks; strong gale N.W.; all well.

**Terra Nova**—Position about the same; all ships in sight.

**Ranger**—Got into small lakes to-day progress 10 miles north; impossible to get further without swell in ice; all ships in sight; all well.

**TO JOB BROS.**  
Neptune—Got free about 3 p.m.; steamed about 8 miles N.W.; all ships in sight; all well.

**TO REID CO.**  
Sagana—Ship got clear at 6 p.m.; making little progress; all ships in sight; all well.

**TO POSTAL TELEGRAPHS.**  
Cape Ray—Viking reports all well. No men on ice.  
Fogo—Reports fleet all well.

**Child Dies From Burns.**

The Deputy Minister of Customs is in receipt of a message from Francis Davis, Sub-Collector at Freshwater, Bay de Verde District, saying that a three-year-old girl, daughter of Wm. Butt, died as a result of burning. It appears that with two other children the unfortunate girl started a bonfire, sparks from which ignited her clothing. The child died within a few hours.

### "The Irresistible Marmaduke."

WILL CONVULSE ST. JOHN'S DURING EASTER WEEK.

During Easter Week the annual Bonnet Performance in aid of the Mount Cashel Orphans will be run off. This year it will take the form of a three-act comedy "The Irresistible Marmaduke" which has met with unusual success wherever it has been staged. The Casino Theatre has been engaged, and rehearsals have been in progress for some time. A feature of this performance will, we understand, be the presence of some new talent behind the footlights, and from all indications it is safe to predict that St. John's theatre-goers may look forward with pleasurable anticipation to an unusually diverting comedy, acted with the grace and accomplished artistry for which our local amateurs are noted. The proceeds of the undertaking will be devoted to Mount Cashel, and no appeal from the orphans has ever been received unkindly by city folks, so it is safe to say that full houses will greet the production of "The Irresistible Marmaduke" during Easter Week. Particulars as to dates, tickets, etc., will be announced later. Meanwhile the public are respectfully requested to keep Easter Week open for this unusual attraction.

### McMurdo's Store News.

FRIDAY, March 18, 1921.

In those kinds of indignation which are characterized by constipation, or which are associated with sluggish liver, we recommend Gault's Digestive Syrup as being of outstanding value. Composed as it is of the extract of herbs, leaves, and barks of distinct medicinal value in such cases, concentrated so that only a small dose is necessary to do efficient work, very prompt in its action upon the internal organs, its results are sometimes surprising. We have seen some very severe cases of long standing not only relieved, but entirely cured, by the faithful use of this syrup, and in every case of the above troubles, it will be found of decided benefit. Price 50c. a bottle.

### New Church at Heart's Delight.

The new Methodist Church at Heart's Delight, the opening of which was postponed because of the snow blockade on the railway will be dedicated on March 29th. Excursion rates have been arranged for and a good attendance is expected. The pastor, Rev. Dr. Saint, would like to hear from any who will endeavour to be present, and any desirous of helping a good cause may send something towards the opening collection.

### Personal.

Capt. and Mrs. Arthur Benson wish to thank Drs. Anderson, Keegan and Alken, and the Nurses at the General Hospital for their extreme kindness and attention to Mrs. Benson whilst at the institution.

Mr. K. J. Mezzles, buyer for Bishop, Sons & Co., who has been visiting the American markets in the interests of his firm, returned by the Rosalind last night.

Dr. H. A. Smith has been called out of town to visit his brother, who is seriously ill at Sydney.

Mrs. S. J. Shepherd came to town today from Bell Island, having crossed to the mainland by boat and driven into the city by carriage from the Cove.

### Naval Reservists Meet.

About 300 Royal Naval Reservists met on Wednesday in the L. S. P. U. Hall to discuss the matter of prize money and other affairs appertaining to the welfare of the R. N. R. Skipper J. Rodgers was moved to the chair, and Petty Officer Robert J. Matthews appointed Sec.-Treasurer. The chairman then outlined the object of the meeting, which was to appoint a committee to wait on the Government and discuss the question of prize money due to the men of the R. N. R. which, it is understood, has been received from the Admiralty and handed over to the Militia Department. It was generally understood that the local Government would pay the returned men on the same scale as Canada, and it is a known fact that the men of the Canadian R. N. R. have been paid their prize money. A committee of five—Skipper J. Rodgers, Warrant Officer Kearley, Petty Officer Matthews, Leading Seamen Pond and Barnes—was appointed to wait on the Government to-day and put their claims before them. Warrant Officer Kearley, Petty Officer Matthews, Seamen Gardner, Pond, Torraville, Dawson and others spoke at considerable length in favor of the object. A vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman, also the members of the L. S. P. U. for the use of their hall for the occasion. Another meeting will be held at a later date. Meeting closed by singing the National Anthem.

**MILARD'S LINIMENT FOR SALE EVERYWHERE.**

### Bay de Verde Congratulates Hr. Main.

Special Evening Telegram.

BAY DE VERDE, Mar. 18. Congratulations to Harbor Main on splendid victory won against tremendous odds. Present Government utterly defeated here and electors of this district anxious to rectify terrible mistakes made in 1919 and 1920. Cave and Lacroix favored fish regulations, which ruined business men and fishermen of Bay de Verde, but they or their party will never again get an opportunity to deceive the people. The menace of Coakerism must be destroyed, otherwise poverty and want will be our lot in the future. Scores of codtraps will be left ashore this season, and business men will not supply for the fishery unless the political domination of Coaker is put down. Harbor Main has nobly done its duty and other districts are only waiting to administer the death stroke to the worst Government ever this country has known.

CORRESPONDENT.

### CL.B.C. Band Concert.

Preparations for the Easter Monday Band Concert of the CL.B. Cadets are now well in hand and no effort is being spared to make this affair an even greater success than any of its predecessors. Quite a number of the best local artists have promised their support, whilst an entirely new selection of music will be played by the Band. Tickets for this concert are now on sale.

### Coastal Boats.

**GOVERNMENT.**  
S.S. Senef left L'Anse-au-Loup at noon. S.S. Portia left St. Lawrence at 10.10 a.m. Could not reach St. Joseph's, Salmoner, on account of ice, but was able to get into St. Mary's.

**GOV. RAILWAY COMMISSION.**  
Clyde still detained in ice off Placentia.

Kyle arrived Louisbourg 2.30 a.m. yesterday. To have left later for Port aux Basques. No report leaving. Melgie left Burin at 2 p.m. Wednesday, going to Port aux Basques.

### Hoodooed!

On Wednesday, the sealing plane at Burwood made a short trial flight, but trouble again developed and the anticipated hunt for the whitecoats had to be abandoned. It was expected that repairs would be effected and a flight made to-day.

### Should Arrange Matters en Route.

Hon. Sir M. P. Cashin is in receipt of a cable from Sir John Crobie saying that Mr. M. S. Sullivan and himself would be leaving England by the S.S. Adriatic, sailing on the 23rd for New York. The message further adds that Mr. Coaker, who is now in London would be coming out by the same boat.

**BIRCH JUNKS.**—We have a few thousand DRY BIRCH JUNKS for sale at our West End Premises. G. KNOWLING, Ltd.—mar18.31f

### BORN.

At Minneapolis, Minn., on March 1st, to Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Ebsary, a son.  
On March 7th, a son to Mrs. and Mr. C. Husk, 132 Casey Street.  
On March 18th, 1921, George Robertson, of Toronto, Ont., and Flora Martin, of St. John's, Nfld.

### MARRIED.

At the residence of Mr. Thomas Norman, 111 Duckworth Street, March 17th, by Rev. E. W. Forbes, George Robertson, of Toronto, Ont., and Flora Martin, of St. John's, Nfld.

### DIED.

Yesterday, March 17th, at 1 p.m., Patrick F. Fleming, in the 68th year of his age, leaving a wife, three sisters and two brothers to mourn their loss; funeral on Sunday from his late residence, 1 Carter's Hill, at 2.30.—R.I.P.

On the 17th, Gerald Sullivan, aged 78 years. Funeral on Sunday, at 2.30 p.m., from his residence, Merryweather Road. May his soul rest in peace.  
This morning, after a tedious illness, Maggie, darling child of Cornelius and Florrie Glynn, aged 6 years.

This morning, of pneumonia, Paddy, darling child of John and Gerlie Hogan, aged 5 weeks. Halifax and Cape Breton papers please copy.

### IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear son Walter Purchase, who died March 18, 1920.

Just one year ago to-day,  
But, oh, it seems so long  
Since our darling Walter left us  
To join the heavenly throng.  
More and more each day we miss him,  
Some may think the wound is healed,  
But little do they know the sorrow  
That's within the heart concealed.  
He suffered much, he suffered long,  
We watched him day by day,  
We saw him with aching heart,  
Until at last, with aching heart,  
We saw him pass away.  
Walter, thou art gone before us,  
And thy saintly soul has flown,  
Where tears are wiped from every eye  
And sorrow is unknown.  
—Inserted by his mother.

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If your size is amongst these offerings you can get them at LESS THAN HALF PRICE

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WOMEN'S GUN METAL CLOTH TOP BOOTS—Sizes 2½, 3, 3½ and 4.	Regular \$5.00. NOW . . .	1.95
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WOMEN'S 8-INCH GUN METAL BOOTS—Sizes 3, 3½ and 4.	Regular \$8.00. NOW . . .	2.95
WOMEN'S 8-INCH PATENT VAMP BOOTS—Gun Metal Top. Sizes 3, 3½, 6 & 6½ only.	Regular \$8.00. NOW . . .	2.95

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WOMEN'S 10-INCH GREY KID VAMP CLOTH TOP BOOTS—Plain Toe, Louis Heels. Sizes 2½, 3, 3½ and 4.	Regular value \$8.00. NOW . . .	3.95
WOMEN'S 9-INCH KID LACED BOOTS—Military Heel. Sizes 3, 3½ and 4.	Regular \$10.00. NOW . . .	3.95
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4.75 WOMEN'S BOOT BARGAINS		
WOMEN'S PATENT VAMP CLOTH TOP BUTTON BOOTS—Louis, Cuban heels. Sizes 4 to 7.	Regular \$10.00. NOW . . .	4.75
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WOMEN'S 9-INCH PATENT VAMP LACED BOOTS—Some with Tony Red Kid and Grey Kid tops; two tone effects. Sizes 3 to 7.	Regular \$9.50. NOW . . .	4.95

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### B. I. S. P.

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