

THE DOGGED DETERMINATION OF OUR RACE WILL WIN

Says There is Nothing to Worry About in Present Situation—As Our Cause is a Righteous One We Are Bound to Win

(Editor Mail and Advocate) Dear Sir,—Many of our people have lately grown much discouraged by the seeming delay, and also by the blunders and reverses in our war with Germany...

"No," said the leader, with mingled disappointment and contempt. "No," he repeated, "dem Allies (Allies) is no good to fight; Dem's doin' nothing at all."

And I find that amongst many of the women there is an idea growing that "Them Germans seems to get-ting on top," as one expressed it regretfully...

The simple truth is that we are into a big war—a world-wide war—such as we never intended nor prepared for beforehand...

No less than four times in Britain's history has she faced such difficulties as we face now, and strange to say, she happened at intervals of 100 years in each case.

King Philip of Spain in 1588, having conquered the little Netherlands wanted to make himself monarch of all Europe...

King Louis XIV. of France was the next man who wanted all Europe. British soldiers fought him on the same battlefields we are now fighting Germany.

John, the great Duke of Marlborough was the British Commander who met him, and he was the man who met him, and he was the man who met him...

Then a third man arose—Napoleon Bonaparte—to claim world-mastery, and Britain then had far more difficulties than she has now.

To these were added other great difficulties. The King was mad. The Regent was quite unfit for his duties.

To hasten the day of our triumph, Newfoundland, however, must do her full share. She has done well, so far, but there is urgent need for more help.

Had we been able to walk along the coast-guard path on the shores of Kent, or Essex, during the dark nights of 1802 and later years we could have seen innumerable little lights dancing in the distance along the French shore.

On enquiring you would have found these were the riding lights of British frigates and hundreds of smaller craft which, week in, week out, month in, month out, in all weathers for years kept the fleets of the enemy shut up in their harbors until shoals of beef bones and garbage gathered round them, and their coast was most effectively blockaded.

That fight went on for 20 years, and we, ignorantly, are impatient about only 16 short months of such war!

When at last, Napoleon's fleet came out one day (as the German fleet will yet have to do), we chased it as far as the West Indies and back to Trafalgar Bay, where the great Lord Nelson met it, and completely destroyed it.

It took 10 years more to defeat the tyrant at Waterloo, but the Iron Duke did it, and Napoleon was finally sent to St. Helena.

Verdict Handed Down on Recount

Judge Johnson Yesterday Renders His Decision in Recount Appeal—Applicant Must Bear Costs of Recount

Section 5 of the said Act applies to this question, the Election Act of 1913, mutatis mutandis, Section 109 (f) of the latter Act, reads:— "In case the recount or addition does not so alter the result of the poll as to affect the return, the Judge shall order the costs of the candidate appearing to be elected to be paid by the applicant, and the said candidate on account thereof so far as necessary, and the Judge shall tax the costs on giving his decision; and if the deposit is insufficient the party in whose favour costs are allowed shall have his action for the balance."

That sub-section would appear to be applicable in an election of candidates, but in my opinion it would have effect better if it had been left to the Judge to say what costs, if any, should be payable in such a case or should be borne by the applicant.

Mr. Vinicombe's affidavit, upon which his application for recount was based, correctly alleged that at the counting of the votes of the district of St. John's East, of which he is an elector, the Returning Officer mistakenly received votes, and that the adding of the votes was, therefore, incorrect.

On every citizen lies the moral duty. If he has good cause to believe that the return has been mistakenly arrived at, of expediting a recount, where results of such magnitude are involved as in this plebiscite.

But the imperative words of this Statute render the applicant for this recount liable for costs, in the circumstances. If I had an option, I should not have awarded costs against him.

On Saturday, the 4th inst., at 10 a.m., in my Chambers, I shall tax the costs of Messrs. Hunt and Dunfield, who represented the Hon. Mr. Watson and others during the recount.

GEO. M. JOHNSON, Judge. March 2, 1916.

Weather Report LaSce—Moderate W. wind, fine, with severe frost, no ice in sight, no report of seals.

Seal Cove—Wind W. weather fine and cold; bay still clear of ice; no seals seen.

Tilt Cove—Wind N.W. strong, fine, very cold. Considerable water in bay.

Nipper's Hr—E. strong N.W. breeze bay clear, no sealing news.

Twilligate—N.W. by W. strong breeze, fine and cold, much water with skirts of bay ice, no seals.

Change Islands—Strong westerly, fair and cold.

Fogo—Very strong westerly wind, blowing, ice still off, fine, frosty. Reported a few old seals seen two days ago at Islands.

Greenspond—Strong W. wind, ice going out of bay.

Bonavista—High wind W.N.W. fine cold, no ice seen in bay.

OUR THEATRES

THE NICKEL. The Nickel theatre was the centre of attraction again yesterday, as all were keen on seeing the world's renowned comedian, Charlie Chaplin in his greatest comedy.

THE CRESCENT. The Crescent Picture Palace has another big show on to-day. "The Figure in Black" is a great detective story, an episode of the girl detective series, produced in two reels by the Kalem Company featuring Maria Sais and Paul C. Hurst.

SHIPPING. The Kyle's express is due to arrive here to-morrow forenoon.

STANDING BY HER. The S.S. Ashtabula, we learn to-day, is not towing the S.S. San Onofre. She is standing by the ship, which will likely hold her position until some of her sister ships will come to the rescue.

POLICE COURT NEWS. There were no prisoners before Mr. Hutchings, K.C. to-day. The Secretary of the Agricultural Board summoned a resident of Outer Cove for the value of a bull—\$80—which had been given him for stock-raising purposes, but which it is alleged he sold after holding it for 2 years and 4 months.

MORE DIPHTHERIA. A domestic of Theatre Hill and a 17-year-old boy of Gower Street, ill of diphtheria, were sent to Hospital to-day.

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RECORD IN PATRIOTISM. Mr. and Mrs. David Carew, of Patrick Street, this city, whose son David was killed at the Dardanelles, have given four sons to the service of King and Country.

COASTAL BOATS WILL GET WIRELESS. When the coastal ships, Portia and Prospero, take up the summer service both will be fitted with a wireless telegraphic outfit.

A LARGE OIL TANKER. The British oil tanker "Ashtabula" which is towing the S.S. San Onofre to this port is bound from the Gulf of Mexico to Europe, we hear, and is a ship of 7,025 gross tons, net 4,527.

VERY SUCCESSFUL FINANCIALLY. The patriotic hockey match played last night was a great success financially. The receipts should go to at least \$200, of which \$150 were received from entrance fees, while the balance will result from the teas given by the ladies.

MEETINGS TO ENLIGHTEN OUR PEOPLE. Meetings to enlighten our people of all classes on the present peril to our Empire—I am, etc., J. W. NICHOLS, St. John's, Feb. 29.

Past Pupils Defeat Present

Good Exhibition of Hockey Seen at Rink Last Night—Largest Attendance For the Season and Good Sheet of Ice

Last night under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Davidson, a hockey match between past and present college pupils was held, which was one of the most lively and interesting games for the season.

SCHOOL BOYS ENTERTAINED. Yesterday Rev. Brother Ennis of Mount Cashel visited St. Patrick's Hall schools and with the kindness of liberality characteristic of the man entertained the lads who sang at the Mount Cashel concert in the Casino theatre.

STRUCK ON WASH BALLS. The schr. Panhook which sailed from Job Bros. fish laden for Pernambuco yesterday, after leaving here with an accident.

A CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL. There will be a children's carnival in the Prince's Rink to-morrow afternoon and the little ones, girls and boys, should enjoy themselves well.

VESEL IN BAD WEATHER. The Rosina and Novelty, for Pernambuco, and the Maggie Sullivan and Nellie M. for Gibraltar, left here yesterday, all fish-laden.

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LOCAL ITEMS

Const. Hibbert of the West End Station who had been ill of lagrippe for several days resumed duty yesterday.

Supt. Grimes, of the Police Force, has been confined to his home the past couple of days with an attack of grippe.

Rev. Dr. Jones who had spent a holiday at Kelligrews and neighborhood returned to the city yesterday.

Mr. W. F. Coaker, by special invitation, will address the Wesley Church Bible Class in that Church Sunday afternoon.

The special evangelistic services in connection with Wesley Church are still continuing and large congregations are attracted each night.

CROSS CUT SAWS and ICE SAWS just received at GEORGE KNOWLING'S Hardware Dept. -Feb.25.31.eod

HAD NARROW ESCAPE. As Messrs. Hammond and Neary were passing through Portugal Cove on their way home last evening, both had a narrow escape from being killed as well as their horses.

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Smoker Last Night Great Success

Canon Wood Hall Packed—Many Compelled to Stand—Minstrel Concert Will be Repeated For Public Monday Night

The Smoker held last night by the Llewellyn Club of St. Thomas's Church was certainly a tremendous success. The Hall was simply packed with the men of the Parish and their male friends till there was not a seat to spare, and some had to stand.

Amongst the guests of honour were His Lordship the Bishop and the Rev. Mr. Dr. Jones. The entertainment took the form of a minstrel show, under the able conductorship of Maestro F. Reni-Vincenti, and the troupe consisted of a "gang" of darkies from North Carolina with very un-African names.

A song by Senor Cyranos Foss (that availed not being a member of the troupe) was enthusiastically received.

After the artistic part of the entertainment had been enjoyed, a lunch ample in quantity, and excellent in quality, was partaken of, informally, in another room.

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CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL! PRINCE OF WALES' RINK, To-morrow, Saturday at 2.30 p.m. 4 PRIZES:—2 for Girls, 2 for Boys. ADMISSION: 20c. Season Tickets WILL NOT Admit.

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