



Evening Telegram

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Are They Coming Down?

Strikes are being reported from nearly every country under the sun, but we have yet to hear of a general strike of the consumer against High Prices. Day after day he is content to go on paying whatever amount is demanded for the articles he requires, without murmur and without protest, and every time there is a strike adjustment carrying with it an increased wages rate, up go prices a few more notches, and Mr. Consumer has to dig further down into his jeans and come across with the increase. Recent newspapers from the neighboring continent, however, tell us that something different is now on: that the consumer is at last aroused and is putting up a fight against the high cost of living, and what is more to the purpose, it is remarked, with undisguised satisfaction, that he is winning. Everyone talked about high prices but nothing was done, no concerted action was taken. Discontent prevailed, but there was lack of unanimity. Now, it is said, the buying public are rebelling. The actual purchasing value of the dollar has diminished to too low a point for them further to refuse to take notice, and immediately the signs were visible, retail merchants began cutting prices, imitating the example of one of the big department stores of Philadelphia, the management of which was wise enough to see farther ahead than its contemporaries. And from these began a slide down of war and post war prices which latter had reached a dizzy height.

Here in Newfoundland, we have not been so fortunate and the dollar thermometer has not yet begun to rise perceptibly, though there are indications that it cannot be much longer kept down. One bright sign of the times is the number of special sales being advertised, particularly in wearables, and dry goods. The alluring attractions offered in the way of reduced prices have had an effect, and patrons of such sales have come away from them pleased alike with purchase and with price. There is a long road to travel yet ere conditions can become as they were in 1914, but with a slashing in manufacturing centres, caused by the reductions that are being made in general stores, wholesale and retail, because the public are beginning to protest, there is hope that all the commodities made use of in this colony will ere long be bought at a much less rate than has been paid, and will therefore be sold at a correspondingly less rate to the buyer. But all this will take time and must be by gradual process. Prices cannot come down with a jump. Economic conditions forbid that. Still there are signs on the commercial horizon that tell of the beginning of a new era in prices. Newfoundland's benefit in this, however, depends much on the power of the people in

manufacturing and producing countries, to keep up their rebellion against soaring costs. Their success means our relief, but we are so situated that we can be of very little assistance to them.

Notes and Comments.

F.C.B. "should be smothered in sugar." Brown or white would make no difference.

The looking glass does more work and shows less wear than anything else in the world.

While dressing a bullock recently, at Bridport, Great Britain, a butcher discovered a gold watch chain in its stomach.

Aged eighty-one years, Mr. William Hider, of Birling, Kent, England, just married his third wife—a Mrs. Gladish, seventy-two.

A contemporary says that in all the libel suits, but a couple, during the past half dozen years, Mr. Coaker has been either the plaintiff or defendant. Quite a monopoly, eh?

A married woman, living at Edmonton, told the magistrate that her husband had not spoken to her for eight months. The husband, evidently, did not realize that it was his turn.

Sugar is being sold at eleven dollars per hundred pounds in the United States, but that makes no difference to Newfoundland. The F.C.B. decree has gone forth that the consumer must pay through the nose for the bangles and blunders of that incapable body.

Twillingate Sun: The Advocate used to say, years ago was it, that "the price of fish is what Coaker makes it." It repeated that so often that lots of people believed it, and wonder now why Mr. Coaker doesn't make shore fish \$12 and Labrador \$10 at the very least.

A girl from the city was visiting a friend in the country, who is trying to run a model chicken farm. The girl was much interested in all that was shown her, particularly a line of incubators, in front of which she made this observation: "So you have incubators? Very nice, indeed; but I am afraid that artificial chickens can never taste like natural ones."

"The captain and officers of the 'Sniff'" says the Twillingate Sun, "hardly know their own rooms as they are continually giving them up to passengers, especially women who cannot stay below in her suffocating 'saloon.' The officers say they can not stand by and see women perish on deck, and it speaks volumes for their kindness, but copper fastens the callous neglect and indifference of the Government."

This modern liner is one of the Admiralty tugs purchased by the Government for Coastal Service. Her registry papers contain the name "Senef" localised to Sniff. We trust Mr. Coaker won't get "sniffy" over this.

The Harbor Grace Standard wants to know why it is that if so many local fish carriers are tied up in the port of St. John's, how comes it that numerous foreign vessels are taking away cargoes from Labrador. Our Bay contemporary should not be too hard on the Scandinavians. They come cheaper, don't you know? And freights are freights these days. But notwithstanding, Newfoundland foreign going vessels are waiting at anchorage for charters that do not arrive.

At the Casino.

Last night another bumper house attended the reproduction of "A Tailor Made Man" by the Kiark-Urban Company, and one and all voted this serio-comedy one of the best. All the players showed to great advantage, and their elocution and acting evoked rounds of continuous applause. To-night that laughable play "Nothing but the Truth," being a dramatisation of Frederick Isham's novel of the same name will be staged. This play ran a whole year in a N.Y. theatre, and has the highest endorsement of both press and public. For a fit of the blues there can be no cure equal to seeing "Nothing but the Truth," so don't miss it to-night and to-morrow night. The C.C.C. band is another attraction for new, as always, "music bath charms."

Missionary Service.

The Conception Bay Clerical Association will attend a Missionary Service in St. George's Church, Brigus, on Tuesday next, Nov. 2nd, at 7.30 o'clock. Rev. E. K. H. Caldwell, priest in charge is making arrangements for this service, which he hopes to make epochal.

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Trade Commissioner's Office Closing Up.

The office of the Canadian Trade Commissioner in this Dominion will be closed at the end of the present year, so we have been informed. The office was established here in 1904, the first Commissioner being the late E. D. Arnaud, who three years later was transferred to Bristol, England. Mr. Arnaud was succeeded by Mr. J. E. Ray, who came to St. John's in 1908 and remained about two years. Mr. Ray, in turn, was transferred to Birmingham, England, and with the closing of that office removed to Manchester, where, we think, he is at present located. The present Commissioner at St. John's is Mr. W. B. Nicholson, who has been with us nearly ten years, and has consequently occupied the post for a longer and more trying period than his predecessors. We have reason to know that Mr. Nicholson has given good and useful service, which, we doubt not, is fully appreciated by the head office at Ottawa. The primary purpose of a Trade Commissioner is to foster and further as far as is possible the business between Canada and the locality to which the Commissioner is appointed. This naturally requires activity and intelligence properly directed in order that the Dominion represented may have correct information as to the commodities needed, on the one hand; and the purchasers be safeguarded by having a responsible authority to appeal to if occasion requires. We may not interfere with the intention of Canadian authority in its decision to close the office here, but we feel at liberty to express our regrets, as also those of the trade, at Mr. Nicholson's retirement from our midst. During his somewhat lengthy tenure of office he has earned the good-will and respect of all who knew and had dealing, business or social, with him. He has been uniformly courteous and obliging to all and if he has leaned at times rather strenuously to the Canadian viewpoint, who of us shall upbraid him? Certainly not now. Presumably Mr. Nicholson will remain in St. John's until the close of this year, and we wish it were longer, but in any case he will take with him the best wishes of those of our citizens whose good fortune it has been to deal with and know him.

Aunt Sally will give you a hearty welcome next Thursday in C. L. B. Armoury.—oct23,25,27

Fish Prices Lowered.

BY ROYAL PROCLAMATION. A Royal Gazette Proclamation issued to-day, announces a drop of five shillings per quintal on the price of Labrador fish in foreign markets. If during the past week the New York firms had bought, under the Government Bond System, they would have been soaked accordingly.

Chrysanthemum Time

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Coastal Boats.

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S. S. Susan left Seldom at midnight on the 26th.

GOVERNMENT.
S. S. Portia was supposed to have left Sydney to-day for here.

S. S. Prospero sailed north this morning.

GOVT. RAILWAY COMMISSION.
Argyle—No report leaving Placentia.

Clyde left Exploits at 8 a.m. yesterday, inward to Port Union.

Diana—No report since leaving Flower's Cove on the 26th, going north.

Glencoe left Port aux Basques at 4.30 p.m. yesterday, coming to Placentia.

Home left Fortune Harbor at 5.10 p.m. yesterday, inward to Lewisporte.

Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques at 7 a.m. to-day.

Petrel—No report since leaving Clarendville Monday.

Sagons—No report since leaving St. Anthony on the 23rd, going north.

Senef arrived at Lewisporte at 1.30 a.m. to-day.

Watchful left Port Blandford at 10.05 p.m. yesterday, outward.

Sebastopol—No report since leaving Brig Bay on Monday, going north.

Earl of Devon left La Scie at 12.30 p.m. yesterday, outward.

Just a Reminder.

"St. John's—the city of fifth," so spake the visitor and much as I repeated this statement, I could not but admit it's truth. This city, the capital of our island, is actually a disgrace to us.

Go along New Gower Street, Middle Street, Duckworth Street, even on the Water Street cobblestones and what do you find? Nothing but mud,—thick, filthy mud! Go into many of the side streets, you have to hold your nose owing to the dreadful stench coming from the drains—breeders of disease. Who is responsible for this state of affairs? Is it the Government, the Municipal Commission or the people themselves? All of these are to some extent responsible for the disgraceful state our city is in.

The Government is certainly greatly responsible for not granting to the city sufficient money to allow it to be kept in proper condition. But, you may ask, what has the Government to do with the city? This, that it is to their advantage that the capital city, the seat of Government, should be kept in a fit condition to permit visitors to leave it with a good impression.

The Civic Commission is perhaps not so much to blame, as it is handicapped by lack of funds. But, the city funds could be made to go a great deal further if there were proper superintendence of road work. Go to any part of the town where city workmen are digging up the streets. What do you see? Here are two workmen leaning up against the side of the hole smoking, here are two more, in a corner, gossiping; one man is perhaps plying a pick half-heartedly. Surely the Commission is not getting its money's worth in this way.

Lastly we come to the people. The trouble with them is that they do not take enough interest in their city to try and better it. This apathy should not exist. Every householder, the instant he can afford it, should install a proper sewerage system in his house. Slops should not be thrown in the drains to create a stench and breed disease. Furthermore, all taxes should be paid regularly. All this and more could they do to help out the Civic Commissioners in their efforts to make this city fit to live in. Let the Government, the Civic Commission and the people combine for the purpose of doing their utmost to make St. John's, a city to be proud of and let them not allow it to remain in its present state.

HOLOFERNES.

An Offence to Our Heroic Dead.

Editor Evening Telegram.
Dear Sir.—May I be permitted space to add a few remarks to those contained in your article appearing in Monday night's issue under the heading of "Neglected War Trophies." These trophies, which have so long been left to rust on the side of the road opposite the Furness Withy premises, include several German guns. In the British army it has always been considered an honourable thing to gain possession of an enemy gun intact. It means that his outer defences have been penetrated and that his inner system of defence has been reached by our men. It is not incorrect to state that every German gun in our hands to-day represents the sacrifice of hundreds of British lives.

Conversely, in the British army it has always been considered a dishonourable thing to allow a British gun to fall into enemy hands intact, and in this war, as in the past, there are many known instances of our men falling by the side of their guns having first rendered them useless to the enemy.

When rightly considered, therefore, in the ownership of these German guns, we, Newfoundlanders, are the proud possessors of trophies which should be very dear to us. The proper authorities should delay no longer in having these trophies removed and mounted in conspicuous places, and in having appropriate inscriptions affixed so that present and future generations of young and old shall point to them with pride and with a true understanding of sacrifice involved in their capture or surrender, a sacrifice in which Newfoundland and nobly shared in common with the other nations in the Empire.

The present treatment of these trophies displays a lack of sympathy and understanding of the deeds of our men, so recently performed; and tempts one to put the question to those responsible for this neglect—"What did you do in the Great War?"

Yours very truly,
A RETURNED OFFICER.
Oct. 26, 1920.

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A Gruff Reply.

From passengers arriving by Prospero from the Northward, we learn of an act of alleged discourtesy on the part of Capt. Field, while the ship was at the wharf in Harbor Grace. It appears from our informant, who was a passenger by this steamer, that with some few others, he desired to go ashore for several minutes at that port, and upon asking the Captain, very civilly if they would have time to run ashore and go up the street, the officer turned on them and said, "You can go to Carbonear if you like, you won't delay me." Passengers naturally resent such treatment, and expect to be used with better grace by Government steamship officers, either Masters or Mates.

From Cape Race.

Special to Evening Telegram.
CAPE RACE, To-day. Wind east, light, weather fine; a steamer John Blomer, passed west and several schooners in yesterday afternoon; an unknown steamer is in sight to-day, bound in. Bar. 30.25; Ther. 42.

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