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Evening Telegram

W. J. HERDEK, Proprietor

THURSDAY, March 28, 1918.

The Beginning of the End.

That the remnant of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment is participating in the present battle, which might well be termed Armageddon, is evidenced by a dispatch to the Minister of Militia published in Tuesday's dailies, in which it is announced that Headquarters War Correspondent in France, writing to London, reports that on Sunday "the Newfoundland Regiment has been fighting magnificently." That this is so needs no further testimony as all are well aware that wherever the Newfoundlanders are engaged they have again distinguished themselves and added fresh laurels to their other well earned honors. Time and again the Regiment has proven its mettle and the battle fields of Europe are dyed red with the blood of our bravest and best. Proclaim it from the houseposts, tell it from the towers, shout it from the mountains. Our bravest and our best. For only the bravest and the best responded to the Call of Empire and went forth to engage in the struggle of democracy against autocracy. But it is to be feared that in this display of magnificent fighting many of our boys have made the Supreme Sacrifice and many others have received such wounds as will incapacitate them from further fighting, thus diminishing the already scanty strength of the battalion, if not jeopardising altogether its standing in the battle line. It needs no prophet now to foresee that this is the beginning of the end, and no one need be surprised if the next news we hear does not announce the extinguishing of the Regiment as an entity. Distinguished to be extinguished! Think it over you men upon whom the responsibility will lie and take it in your thoughts, that the odium of eternal shame and everlasting disgrace will be yours, if the Royal Newfoundland Regiment loses its identity because the Government of Newfoundland is a government of politicians and profiteers, rather than

a Government of statesmen and empire builders. The price of seals against the life and existence of the Regiment. Filthy lucre against the blood of Newfoundlanders poured out that office seekers may hang on to the spoils. The lives of our bravest and best against the greed of parasites and political trimmers. What a heart-searching there will be when the lamed and maimed return; when those who come home shattered and broken curse the men who left them in their hour of distress and need, and refused to exert the power which they possessed to send the much needed reinforcements. In England to-day the press demands the immediate convening of Parliament for the purpose of sanctioning the extension of National Service, raising the military age and abolishing all exemptions, including conscientious objectors and departmental indispensables. The crisis is as near Newfoundland as it is to England, and in the name of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment and of the people of Newfoundland we demand the immediate convening of the House of Assembly to take up matters more vital than the price of seals or the chartering of steamers. The Regiment needs men! Away with subterfuge and political expediency. Action is now demanded and promptly, and if it will be the Government now good to know it, we will tell them now that no matter how they act in the present situation, the vengeance of a flouted and offended electorate is sure to fall upon them and send them into the limbo of political oblivion. Whether they prefer to go down with colors flying remains to be seen!

Reid's Boats.

The Ethie left Fortune at 11.40 a.m. yesterday, coming east. The Argyle left Placentia to-day, going in the bay. The Dundee left Placentia to-day going on Placentia Bay western route. The Home leaves Placentia to-morrow on West Coast route, going as far as Port aux Basques.

From Cape Race

Special to Evening Telegram. CAPE RACE, To-day. Wind N.W., strong breeze, weather fine; no ice or vessels in sight. Bar. 29.30; Ther. 35. Gower St. Choir will meet for practice to-night at 9 o'clock. A full attendance is essential.—11

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Correspondence

BETWEEN N.F. BOARD OF TRADE AND N.L.W.A.

Sir,—I shall be glad if you will publish for the information of the public, the enclosed correspondence, which has taken place between the Nfld. Industrial Workers' Association and the Council of the Nfld. Board of Trade.

I have the honor to be, Sir, Your obedient servant, ERNEST A. PATN, Secretary. The Editor, Evening Telegram.

(COPY.) NFLD. INDUSTRIAL WORKERS' ASSOCIATION. March 22nd, 1918.

The President, Nfld. Board of Trade, Dear Sir,—We are directed by the Executive of the Nfld. Industrial Workers' Association to bring before the Board of Trade the fact that there are certain matters in dispute between the Association and the Nfld. Company. Matters are now arrived at the straining point and the Association is unable to get any satisfaction from the Company. We approached the Company over a month ago and we have been put off from time to time. Now, owing to the action of the Company's officials in laying off men and threatening to lay off others, we find ourselves compelled in self-defence to take drastic action.

As such action would involve serious consequences to the commercial interests of the Colony, we deem it advisable to acquaint the Board of Trade with all the facts in dispute. We shall be ready to send a deputation to meet a deputation from your Board, and discuss these matters, feeling sure that in your body there are men who are public-spirited enough to view these matters impartially.

Can you arrange to meet us not later than Monday, 25th inst., at 8 p.m.? Being working men we are unable to attend during the day time.

Yours truly, (Sgd.) P. BENNETT, President. W. J. NAUFFTS, Rec. Secy. 234, Theatre Hill.

(COPY.) March 22nd, 1918.

Sir,—I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of even date, which was placed before the Council of the Board of Trade, at their regular weekly meeting to-day, and considered by them.

I am directed to say in reply, that as the Council are ignorant of the facts of the dispute between your Association and the Nfld. Co., which you think it better before meeting your deputation, that you write me stating these facts, so that the Council may be in a position to decide the case in such a way that would call for action by the Board of Trade.

I have the honor to be, Sir, Your obedient servant, (Sgd.) ERNEST A. PATN, Secy. W. J. NAUFFTS, Rec. Secy. Nfld. Industrial Workers' Assn.

(COPY.) Nfld. INDUSTRIAL WORKERS' ASSOCIATION. March 25, 1918.

Mr. Ernest Patn, City. Dear Sir,—In reply to your letter, I beg to say that our deputation is ready to meet you to-night at 8 o'clock, or any time to-morrow (Tuesday) after 3 o'clock. The deputation will lay before you all the facts together with copies of all correspondence. I need hardly point out to you that this matter is most urgent.

Yours truly, (Sgd.) W. J. NAUFFTS, Rec. Secy. (COPY.) March 25, 1918.

Sir,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of even date, enclosing correspondence between your Association and the Nfld. Co. It will be quite impossible to meet and discuss the matter intelligently before carefully considering the correspondence, therefore I am having copies of same made for distribution to the various members of the Council, who will then be in a position to discuss same at their next meeting on Thursday morning.

I shall then advise you immediately regarding the decision arrived at by the Council.

I have the honor to be, Sir, Your obedient servant, (Sgd.) ERNEST A. PATN, Secy. W. J. NAUFFTS, Esq., Recording Secretary N.L.W.A., City.

(COPY.) Nfld. BOARD OF TRADE. March 27th, 1918.

W. J. Nauffts, Esq., Recording Secretary, N.L.W.A., City. Dear Sir,—As a result of a special meeting of the Council held this morning, I am instructed to inform you that it is a matter of some surprise that your Association after asking for the intervention of the Board of Trade, should decide upon calling a strike, before giving the members of the Council time to consider the points in dispute between your Association and the Nfld. Co.

The correspondence furnished by you on Monday was distributed to the members of the Council as speedily as circumstances permitted, in order that, as stated in our letter of the 25th, instant, the members might be more conversant with the details of the dispute in question, and so be in a position to decide if they could be of service or not.

Whether or not this action of your Association is intended as a refusal of the services of the Board of Trade, is not perfectly clear. The Council, nevertheless, wishes me to state that it is still open to consider the matter in dispute, provided that reasonable time is given to come to a clear understanding of the points in question, and provided also that the strike be called off while the matter is under discussion.

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Fogota Arrives With Bumper Trip.

RAILS FOR THE WEIGHT OF 18,000.

At 7 o'clock this morning the s.s. Fogota, Capt. Dalton, arrived from the north, according to the weight of 13,000 seals. On Monday morning, March 18th, Capt. Dalton steered his ship into a patch of hoods from which 300 were taken. The ship's position was then 30 miles S. E. of the Funks. Three days later, Thursday, the 21st, he struck another patch of hoods about 60 miles S. E. of the Funks, and up to Friday afternoon had accounted for 2,000 more old and young hoods. At 4 o'clock on Friday he left the hoods in quest of the whitecoats, and steaming N.W. ran into a large patch of whitecoats at 10 o'clock the same night. By 11 o'clock the next day 3,000 pelts had been secured, when they had to quit working owing to a severe snowstorm. Late on in the day the storm abated and Capt. Dalton again ordered his men on the ice, and before midnight had secured the morning's kill. Had the day been favourable the Fogota's crew would have killed their load. On Sunday, March 24th, the Fogota steamed away 15 or 20 miles to the westward where the storm abated but could not kill owing to the day being the Sabbath. March 25th, the following morning, the seals were plentiful but dipping and the Fogota's difficulty in hunting 2,500 prime young hawks were taken. On Tuesday morning all pans were picked up and a few scattered seals killed and hauled aboard and at 2 p.m. Capt. Dalton bore up for home. The Fogota was then 110 miles E. by S. of Bacallieu, and searching for seals until 11 a.m. yesterday she ran into clear water. His ship being heavily laden, Capt. Dalton experienced some difficulty in making the land. There was a strong gale blowing from the westward and at 11 o'clock last night the Fogota was forced to shelter on the east side of Bacallieu. At 3 o'clock this morning the anchor was weighed and at 7 a.m. sharp the home port was reached. The Fogota carried a crew of 85 men who will make a big bill. One of the crew strained his ankle the first day on the ice and had to be attended to by Mr. Walter Croshaw, who acted as medical officer. The injured man was unable to go on the ice for the remainder of the voyage but will nevertheless share equal credit with the crew. Capt. Dalton, who was badly injured in the chest while performing heroic work in rescuing the survivors of the Florida, suffered from the effects of the cold while at the icefields, but after a well earned rest hopes to regain his former health in a few days.

Mr. Dalton, on his success, this being his first spring in command.

Eagle Reaches Port.

19,000—LOG LOADED.

The s.s. Eagle, Capt. Bishop, arrived in port this morning at 11.30, hauling for 19,000 young and 2,500 old. Interviewed on board the vessel this morning the Telegram elicited from the captain the following story of his successful trip. Sailing from here in the morning the Eagle secured her first seals on Saturday, the 16th, taking on board 350. The weather was very bad, but for that Capt. Bishop was spent most working, including the Fogota, and secured another 3,000. The sea was very high and it was difficult to do any work. Sunday was spent making room for more seals, which the captain felt sure he was going to get, and on Monday they took on board the record number for his trip—7,000. On Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock Capt. Bishop bore up for home. The captain and crew are enjoying a day of rest. We congratulate Capt. Bishop on his bumper trip.

Price of Fat Still Undecided.

Up to press hour no settlement had been made on the price of fat. The agreement under which Job Bros. & Co.'s premises and has not yet started to discharge.

Here and There.

PROSPERO SAILS.—The s.s. Prospero sails for an Atlantic port to-morrow morning.

M. C. L. L.—To-night's debate. Resolved—"That Newfoundland as an independent Dominion can offer to its present and future citizens opportunities for advancement equal to those of the neighbouring Dominion." Leaders: Mr. A. Parsons and Dr. Mosdell, mar28,11

NO MORE BODIES RECOVERED.—The Minister of Marine and Fisheries has received the following message from Const. Lynch, at Cappa Hayden: "No bodies recovered since Friday; ship in same position; weather stormy, big sea."

AN EXPLANATION.—We are grateful to the Postmaster General for his full and complete explanation regarding our article in Tuesday's issue of the Telegram under the caption of "Why the Delay?" Taking the circumstances into consideration no blame attaches to any official of the Postal Telegraph service.

HAD HAND AMPUTATED.—Pte. M. L. Hawker, son of Mr. M. J. Hawker, who returned from active service on Monday last, leaves for home in company with his father by this evening's train. Owing to a bullet wound in his hand, caused by injuries received with the signalling corps, he was compelled to have it amputated.

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