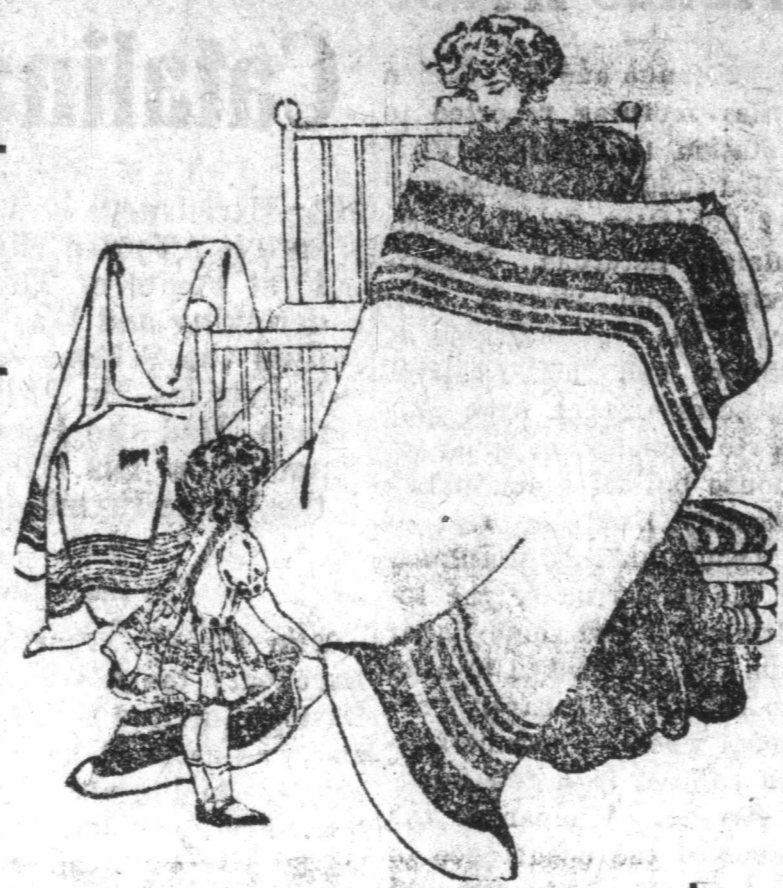


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**CATHOLIC CLERGY REJECT HUGHES PLEA**

German Priests at Milwaukee Conference Demand Proof That President Has Been Unneutral

(By International News Service) MILWAUKEE, Oct.—German Protestant pastors of Wisconsin may be for Charles Evan Hughes for President to the man, but such is not the case with the German Catholic clergy of the State.

This fact was one of the outstanding features of the second day session of the American Independence Conference's attempt to line up all religious workers of German descent in the State for the Republican nominee.

Considerable opposition to G. H. Jacobson's attempt to swing the pastors into line in an organized movement to defeat President Wilson developed

at to-day's gathering, which was set aside for Catholics. The German Protestants had their inning yesterday and seemed to be unanimous for the G. O. P. choice.

**Asks Reason for Hughes' Aid**  
Fifty priests and laymen from various parts of the State had assembled in the suite set aside for the conference in the Republican House, when the Rev. James J. Oberle, of New Col. Wis., entered. It was Father Oberle who, on Tuesday, wired Mr. Hughes with a demand for the candidate's position regarding the hyphen and the conference.

Father Oberle demanded that Mr. Jacobson furnish specific information as to why the pastors should support Mr. Hughes.

"You say that Mr. Wilson slandered hundreds of thousands of German-Americans by saying that they are disloyal. Give us the words. I am not talking for Mr. Wilson or Mr. Hughes. If this is your proposal, that we must vote for Mr. Hughes, give us the President's words."

"I think all of you have read the papers, and it has been repeated time and time again," Mr. Jacobson replied. "I know that it has been recorded in the press, and it has never

been denied."

Father Oberle challenged Mr. Jacobson to produce a single speech by President Wilson in which the President had mentioned the German-Americans of the country. Mr. Jacobson said, newspapers had published accounts of President Wilson's speeches and that had been the interpretation that had been placed upon them.

"Give us the proof," cried several at once.

**More Than Opinion Wanted**

"That is my opinion," Mr. Jacobson began. He added some further comment and was met with the reply that something more than his opinion was wanted. E. P. Nemmers demanded the names of the O'Leary committee which had the conference with Mr. Hughes, on which the political campaign in his behalf is based. Mr. Jacobson read them.

"Their judgment is that he would be neither pro-British nor pro-German," Mr. Jacobson said, speaking of this conference.

"Did he make any promises?" Mr. Nemmers asked.

"He made no promises," Mr. Jacobson replied, "and I defy any one to prove we demanded he make any promises. We think he will be a pro-American President."

"What would Hughes have done?" was the next query.

"I don't know," Mr. Jacobson replied. "He made no promises. We are only assured that he will be an American President."

Then Mr. Jacobson reiterated that Mr. Wilson had not been neutral.

"Not according to international law?" was the next step in the cross-examination.

"No, not according to international law, in my judgment," Mr. Jacobson asserted with a good deal of emphasis.

"Do you not know that Mr. Roosevelt is supporting Mr. Hughes?" Mr. Nemmers insisted.

Jacobson was nettled by the aggressive attitude of Father Oberle and Mr. Nemmers, and said: "If you two gentlemen are going to dominate this meeting I am ready to retire."

Father Oberle condemned drawing

**An Appeal for Honest Clean Government**

All Lovers of Terra-Nova Should Rally to Coaker's Banner in 1917.

(To the editor)  
Sir.—The question arises whether we have a responsible government in charge of our affairs, or have we to awake to the fact that our "Island Home" has drifted back to conditions existing in the fifteenth century. Any one who has followed or read Newfoundland history some half centuries past does not need to be reminded of the cruel oppression and tyranny enforced upon poor settlers of that date; how the so-called "Fishing Admirals" completely held sway. But friends, we have to-day here in Newfoundland and occupying prominent positions a gang of swindlers far exceeding the limit reached by their ancestors. These are times of national stress, when every man who has the interests of country at heart will endeavour to do his duty. Our brave boys to-day, on the stricken fields of France, are doing there best to keep the old flag flying and it behoves all who claim British descent to act manly at least and relieve as much as possible the existing distress.

Let us review, for an instant, commercial conditions as at present is apparent. Ask yourselves the question: Is it lawfully right for a business man, a subject of Great Britain, to pile up wealth accumulated by a suffering population? Most decidedly not! Then, why, in the name of common intelligence does our so-called People's Party allow such things to be done? For instance we will take an article of imported goods, such as flour. This article is selling at say \$7.50 per bri. The firm selling this has a profit at that price so far, so good. Soon the demand for such increases, and behold the result, our friend commercially places an extra amount of profit on his goods and places the same flour to the "extremely low price" of \$9.00 and blames the "war." He says the war is on. But if our Government were alive to their duty such dirty tricks would cease to exist. Every other part of our Empire has placed a standard profit on all goods consumed and whatever extra profits are made goes to the treasury of the country. But no so in Newfoundland. Only one desire is apparent here, that of selfishness. The lust of greed which serves to hinder progressiveness in whatever country it is practised. But for the Fishermen's Protective Union to-day sad would be the lot of Newfoundland. Marvelous indeed is the progress made through the untiring efforts of W. F. Coaker and friends. If our government now in power was composed of such men as him this would be the happiest and most prosperous little spot in creation. But the day is rapidly approaching when a Union Government, composed of men taken from daily toil will consider the grievances of an oppressed people and study to promote public welfare.

the Church into politics.

The following resolution by H. A. Schmidt and seconded by Father Oberle and Mr. Nemmers was adopted just before adjournment:

"Resolved, That, inasmuch as this meeting is composed principally of Catholic clergymen and Catholic laymen, it is the sense of this meeting that we cannot, and will not, take any stand in party politics, leaving it to the individual to think and act for himself."

Therefore boys our chance is coming; shake of the bonds which have been the means of keeping you under the tyrant's heel and stand by our Union Party in 1917. That is the only way to save our interests from being sold at auction by a cowardly crowd of land sharks and graballs who have proved by their actions, their intention to blench from the helm when the wind blows highest.

Just a word about our returned boys who have offered their lives for King and country. Are we going to send our wounded boys to work like slaves, while some who are living at ease (at the expense of sorrowing parents) get any soft job offering. Other countries are preparing, but what is being done in Newfoundland? Absolutely nothing. Even now preference is given to some silly-figured aristocratic chap, while an invalided soldier is trying to earn a living with pick and shovel at Bell Island.

Wake up, Sir Edward, and get to business, or an enraged electorate will know the reason why. You men of the South and West Coasts stand by Coaker. Premier Morris and clique have proved that they are not capable of the trust placed in them seven years ago. Why trust them longer. Show them that you are disgusted with broken promises and that you want satisfactory results where your public interests are concerned. Let all Newfoundlanders join hands and give this get-rich-quick gang a seat in the back-ground, where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary (?) are at rest. All will admit "they" have earned a resting place.

OBSERVER

Lewisporte, Oct. 31, 1916.

**GLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS**

- NOVEMBER 6
- Bodleian Library opened, 1602. Carbonacean destroyed by fire, 1860.
  - Record registered, Bernard Duffy, proprietor, 1860.
  - First Dominion Parliament opened, 1867.
  - James A. Jordan, William P. Walsh and Robert J. Parsons, sr., chosen candidates for St. John's East as Anti-Confederates, 1869.
  - Steamer Flavian sailed for Boston; she was repaired by Daniel Condon, 1880.
  - Polling day (bye-election, St. John's East); Fox, 1,806; Scott, 1,463, 1890.
  - Steamer Tiber collided with and sank the schooner Maggie in Narrows; 13 lives lost, 1896.
  - Thomas B. Job returned for the District of Trinity, 1846.
  - Thomas J. Murphy returned first time for St. John's East, Murphy, 934; Parsons, 686; Flannery, 660, 1886.
  - A boat and five men lost near Presque, Placentia Bay. The names of the drowned were Daniel Ryan, Denis Ryan (brothers), John Ennis, Daniel Leonard, all of Placentia, and Patrick Walsh of St. John's, 1863.

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**NOTICE.**

The 8th Annual Convention of the Supreme Council of the Fishermen's Protective Union of Newfoundland will open at Catalina on MONDAY, the 27th of November.

All Councils of the F.P.U. will please send Delegates.

By order of the President,  
W. W. HALFYARD,  
Secretary.

St. John's, Nov. 1st, 1916.

The 5th Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Fishermen's Union Trading Co., Ltd., will be held at Catalina on TUESDAY, November 28th, at 2 p.m.

By order of the President,  
W. W. HALFYARD,  
Secretary.

St. John's, Nov. 1st, 1916.

The 6th Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Union Publishing Co., Ltd., will be held at Catalina on WEDNESDAY, the 29th of November, at 2 p.m.

By order of the President,  
W. W. HALFYARD,  
Secretary.

St. John's, Nov. 1st, 1916.

The 2nd Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Union Export Co. Ltd., will be held at Catalina on TUESDAY, November 28th, at 4 p.m.

By order of the President,  
W. W. HALFYARD,  
Secretary.

St. John's, Nov. 1st, 1916.

The 8th Annual Meeting of Fogo District Council of the F.P.U. will be held at Catalina on WEDNESDAY, November 29th. All Councils in Fogo District will please send Delegates.

By order of the President,  
W. W. HALFYARD,  
Chairman.

St. John's, Nov. 1st, 1916.

The 7th Annual Meeting of Bonavista District Council of the F.P.U. will be held at Catalina on TUESDAY, November 28th. All Councils in Bonavista District will please send Delegates.

By order of the President,  
R. G. WINSOR,  
Chairman.

St. John's, Nov. 1st, 1916.

The 7th Annual Meeting of the Twillingate District Council of the F.P.U. will be held at Catalina on TUESDAY, November 28th. All Councils in Twillingate District will please send Delegates. Important matter in relation to the next General Election will be discussed.

By order of the President,  
W. B. JENNINGS,  
Chairman.

St. John's, Nov. 1st, 1916.

The 7th Annual Meeting of Trinity District Council of the F.P.U. will be held at Catalina on MONDAY, November 27th. All Councils in Trinity District will please send Delegates.

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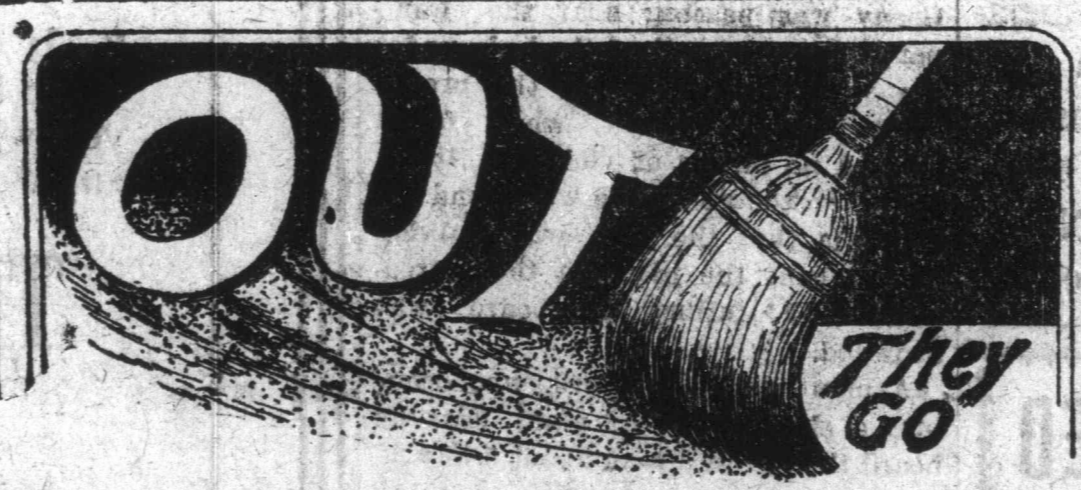
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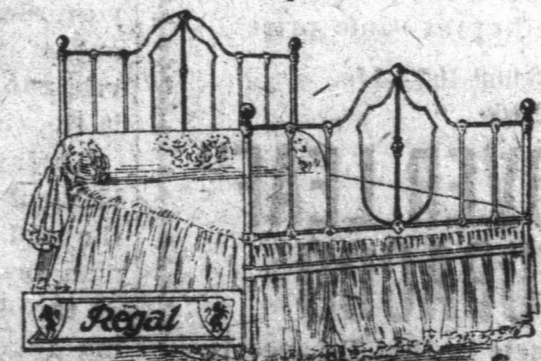
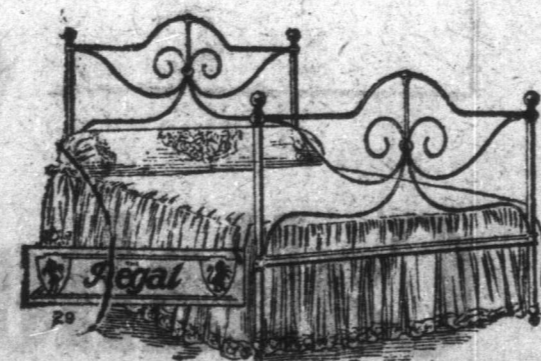
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