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OUR POINT OF VIEW

Another Piece Of Robbery

WE learn that the Labrador fish exporters are offering \$3.80 for Labrador soft fish. At Battle Harbor \$4 is being offered, just about the same price as paid for Labrador soft-fish last season. The men who had the audacity to offer those figures are the Patriots who took the fishermen's fish at current price last year and when it was in Europe settled a price of \$3.60 for it at a combine meeting here, which price was endorsed by Judge Emerson.

Those who bought at \$3.60 scooped in from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per qtl. profit and imagined they could do the same trick with impunity this season. They are now up against \$4.70 as the price, for the F.P.U. has offered to send vessels to the Labrador to buy fish at \$4.70, and \$4.70 will have to be paid or the fish won't be shipped. There are 24 vessels waiting for fish on the coast—the same number as last year—and they will have to pay \$4.70 or send the vessels away without fish. Exporters will now lie upon the bed they prepared for the fishermen last year—thanks to Judge Emerson's up-to-date twentieth century judgment—the fishermen will now fix their own price on their fish, according to the catch and demands abroad.

What saints are engaged in exporting fish off the Labrador?—\$3.60 last year for what was worth \$4.50, and this year offering \$3.80 for what is worth \$4.70. Jobs are buying up all the soft fish procurable in Conception Bay in order to complete loading the Neptune. They offered \$4.60 per qtl. but are now paying \$4.80—the price fixed by Coaker—and jobs can send a steamer to collect fish in outports at \$4.80, why can not exporters from the Labrador pay \$4.70, with no expense but to stow the fish?

Soft fish soared to \$5.50 here last fall, although it fell to \$3.50 previously. That is what the fishermen must remember in connection with prices this year. The French fishery is nil; Greece and Italy must take Newfoundland soft fish, and the F.P.U. will see that the big grabs made last fall on sloop fish will not be so easily secured this season by the exporters.

The price of soft Labrador fish here now is \$5 per qtl, or 50 cents above the price paid last season at this date. If buyers here can pay \$5 with more expense in handling, then buyers on the Labrador should be able to pay \$4.70, with no expense in handling. We ask Conception Bay friends

FISHERMEN ATTENTION! PIT PROPS

We warn all our people against touching Pit Prop propositions at prices now offering. Let \$4 per cord rinded be the lowest price accepted for Pit Props from anyone the coming season; unless \$4 is paid, don't have anything to do with cutting.

The men who are trying to secure people to take Pit Prop contracts at \$3 per cord are expecting to make big grabs from this business.

The two English sports who are offering \$3 should be given a cold shoulder. Those chaps have made big hauls this season and aim to make bigger hauls the coming season.

No middle man should be too eager to accept Pit Prop contracts, and no toilers should cut a log at a less price than \$4 per cord for barked props.

Wire or write their friends fishing at the Labrador, advising them not to sell at less than \$4.50 and a bonus of 20 cents. If they sell less, they simply throw away the difference.

The fish shipped from the Labrador will fetch this year \$6.50 or qtl. in Italy. We know of one firm in Italy that wishes to buy all the cargoes leaving Labrador and will pay a price that will net the exporters \$1.00 per qtl. profit, allowing \$4.70 as the price paid to the fishermen.

The Government as usual is as lead as Caesar in connection with fish prices. If the Minister of Fisheries was attending to his duties as he should be, instead of idling around sporting a \$100000 suit, he could secure \$5 per qtl. for Labrador fish if he compelled the Government to act on behalf of the fishermen; but it could be as well to expect Morris and Piccott to stop the war or ang the Kaiser as to expect them to use the power at the disposal of the Government to protect the fishermen regarding the securing of the highest prices for fish.

Where are the big catches of fish oasted in June? How is it one of it is not offering here today? Why is it that at present there are not 100 qtls. of fish offering in this city? The answer is, he cry was far reached. The catch is just as small as the catch of 1914. The fish is being bought up in outports and there will be very little brought in here to be disposed of.

The fishermen must be paid \$6 in outports and \$6.50 here for dry alqual fish and \$4.80 for soft fish in outports and \$5 here. Pay those prices which are reasonable and the fishermen will sell readily.

NEWS ITEMS FROM MANY SOURCES

A new disappearing gun of three-inch caliber which weighs only 1,800 pounds has been completed at the Washington naval gun factory and has been shipped to New York to be installed on the new submarine M-1. All submarines built in the future will be equipped with this type of gun which has been found efficient and accurate.

According to a statement issued by the directors of the U.S. mint the gold output of the United States for the calendar year 1914 amounted to \$94,500,000, being some \$5,600,000 greater than that of 1913. The silver production in 1914 amounted to \$40,000,000, some \$3,000,000 more than in 1913. The greatest increase were shown in Colorado, Alaska, California and Montana.

The Ass of Adelaide

THE STAR'S circulation must have fallen off again to low water mark, if we are to judge by the appeal in yesterday's issue for a little more of the boosting that we have from time to time given it.

The Adelaide Street way farers on the rocky journalistic highway had better receive this as a notice from us that we are getting tired of helping him keep his feet on the road sacred to newspaper men, and if this boost which is positively the last we intend to give him does not establish him on the path to the journalistic garden of Eden where all successful journalists go, then he is not fit to have put foot on the troubled way.

It is impossible for us to undertake to drag a booby along who does not seem to be possessed of the saving grace of gratitude. However we cannot resist his appeal for help and we offer him our humble service.

It is very low tide with him now, and the vista of slimy boulders and mud pools so hideously revealed in that column of twaddle in yesterday's issue, almost makes us turn in disgust from the foul creature. His rotten venom and spleen have so distorted his mental optics that he cannot keep for a day at a time the path so plainly marked out for the feet of decent men.

We hate to argue with a fool and don't intend to, but we are going to handle this dangerous idiot of Adelaide Street in a manner that we hope will have the salutary effect of keeping him quiet while men are talking.

To have this idiot break in on us at a time when we are bending our whole efforts to the righting of a gross injustice that is being done this our native city by a handful of men who have taken upon themselves the role of despotic rulers, ignoring completely the rights of the people is nauseating.

The very presence of those men in the civic office is an insult and an indignity to the whole community. We cry out against Gosling and Company, and demand that they give us an account of themselves, and let the idiot who runs the editorial columns of The Star sets upon us with a verbal club.

Get you gone you ass and confine your discordant braying to some idiotic essay on Home Rule for Ireland; you will be more at home in that role than as a club swinger for Gosling.

You belong to an age that is dead and gone, you lick-spittle toady, you snobbish clinger to the knees of petty tyrants. You have never reached a true appreciation of the spirit of this age of independence and manly freedom, you slave of the would-be despot.

You repudiate freedom for Ireland, you deny the spirit of tolerance and fair play that would give to Ireland's sons the right to govern themselves according to the ideals of Irishmen and in conformity to the spirit of the times; and in like manner you would club all into submission who aspire in this country and town to claim the right to govern themselves or to

Figures obtained by federal industrial census takers show that the automobile output of Detroit, Mich., for the last fiscal year amounted to \$300,000,000, which is five times as great as for the preceding year. The automobile industry within a few years has transformed Detroit into a bustling city with a population of 750,000 and has made it one of the most prosperous places in the country.

The courts have held with practical uniformity that when an applicant for American citizenship returns to his native land for military duty he breaks the continuity of his five years' residence so that new applications must be made. The bureau of naturalization is considering the policy of delaying such application when applicants leave this country to serve in the army of an alien power.

The World's Press

Never Again
 Cleveland Leader:—One such affair as the sinking of the Arabic may be excused sufficiently strong statements from the Imperial German Government. But another could hardly be disposed of by any disavowal or apology, however sweeping and emphatic.

Journalistic Amenities
 Moncton Transcript:—Our local contemporary accuses this journal of the fireside of experiencing a brain storm. For an obvious reason we cannot retort with a similar remark about our contemporary. It lacks the necessary prey matter for a storm to work on.

Ireland's Charter
 Freeman's Journal:—Ireland's charter has been made law, and bears the sign manual of the King. It is a great and solemn treaty between two nations, between two great democracies. It can never be repealed so long as Ireland is determined at all costs and hazards to keep and hold it good. It is a work for all Ireland.

Unexpected
 N.Y. Sun:—No successes were expected of the Russians in the Baltic, but it is to be noted that previous to the operations in the Gulf of Riga the Germans lost in minor engagements the armored cruiser Friedrich Karl, the cruiser Albatross, and the mine layer Yene-el. Thus, strange as it may appear, the honors of naval warfare at the present writing with the despised Russians.

American Rights
 London Daily Chronicle:—The sea is the great highway of the nations, and a naval war has inevitably a tendency to infringe on the rights of neutrals. It happens that in the United States there is strong German-American section determined to magnify and distort any appearance of an encroachment on American rights at sea, and to exploit it for nefarious purposes. It is the deliberate purpose of this hostile element to poison Anglo-American relations and bring about an estrangement between the two countries.

DIDN'T HESITATE FOR ONE MOMENT

Aldershot, England, August 15th, 1915

Dear Father,—Here I am, down in England again; we are not here or long. I can assure you on this letter that we are going to the Dardanelles. Lord Kitchener in pected us yesterday, and by the smile on his face, he was well pleased with us. This morning the Colonel told us we would be off within a fortnight, so by the time you get this, I will be off. This morning B Co., the Company I am in, were ordered to enlist for the duration of the war; and, Father, you can be proud to say that I didn't hesitate for one moment; I took them and signed my name like a man. I am not one bit scared or going into action; it don't worry me, not in the least. If I come back again, well and good; if don't you need not worry, you can say I died on a field of battle, protecting my King and Country.

Very few of our boys refuse to sign on again. Everybody must please themselves, and I pleased myself; and if the war lasts for five years, and I am no out of action, I shall be at it until it is ended.

Well, Father, Aldershot is, no such of a city or town, it is a military town; thousands of troops here training for their glorious victory we are going to have in the end. When I get to the Dardanelles I will be just able to send you a card and I will be hat when I get an opportunity. I suppose there is plenty of fighting here; well Newfoundland will do her bit for the Mother Country.

I received that last letter of yours, I forget the date. Sorry to hear you were feeling unwell for a while but glad to hear you got over it all right.

Our enemies are very numerous and powerful, but still I believe we can win it, and we will. When inspecting our Battalion, he said we were a fine crowd of men. The Russians are not doing extra well now, but I think they will give the Germans a check and rather a surprise soon.

How are all home. Give my kindest regards to all. I am feeling in good trim, so don't worry. I am your loving son,

WALTER C. TAYLOR
 Walter C. Taylor enlisted at St. John's as Private; not long after he arrived in England was promoted as Lance-Corporal and just before he sailed for the Dardanelles he was promoted Corporal.

The Ass of Adelaide

kick off the government of Gosling. Who is this Gosling anyway or what special interest has he in our city, he who is a stranger within our gates? Has he any good wish for the welfare of this city that we who have been born within it do not feel? Does he love it as we do whose first infantile step was made within its dear precincts? We have no desire but to see our native city flourish, and when we speak of matters pertaining to city government we speak actuated by the most honorable motives, and the most sincere desire to correct what we regard as abuses, or with a burning desire to assist in some way the advancement of our loved native home.

We signed our name to the petition which called for the creation of this Commission, but we had no thought of a fixing a yoke of servitude upon our necks or of laying the stigma of slave stamp upon our brow by a gang of lespots.

This Commission of which Gosling is the head has over stepped its prerogatives, and we venture to raise our voice in protest. We demand an account from Gosling. We want to have an explanation from him. We want to know what he means by his usurpation of a position that has never been given him. We want to have him understand that he is accountable to the people.

This does not agree with the ick spittle's idea of how we should approach the august Mr. Gosling so he pours out his empty brain in vile abuse. But let him take heed, there is to be no more gentle handling for him, if he gain attempts to interpose his aucus voice.

The War the Kaiser Warned

Westminster Gazette:—When the Emperor declared the other day that he never wanted war, he said the thing that was not, but if he had slightly varied his phrase and said that he did not want this war, we should have had no difficulty in believing him. He wanted the short, sharp, crushing war of the German text-books, with great Britain out of it, with the sea at his disposal, with spiritless enemies who would have been aken by surprise, beaten in detail, and accepted the terms which he n his magnanimity might have seen pleased to propose to them.

Beyond Relief

N.Y. Sun:—According to a Frankfurt authority the Germans had Austrians now hold 1,670,000 Russian prisoners. Is it a feature of Russian strategy to embarrass the Teutonic allies by imposing active armies upon them? One might suppose so, if the tally of Russian prisoners were correct. In lists of casualties it will usually be found that the killed and wounded considerably outnumber the missing. Accordingly, if nearly 2,000,000 Russians are in the hands of the Austrians and Germans the Russian losses in killed and wounded would bring the sum of casualties up to a figure too stupendous to be credible.

The Empire's Task

Ottawa Journal:—One year after the beginning of war, Germany, according to all surface appearance, is stronger than ever before. She still hold one-sixth of the whole of France, all of Belgium and a large part of Russia. And her victorious advance in the East goes on. Let's look these facts straight in the face and take counsel with our conscience. More and more it becomes evident that the burden of victory is being shifted to the shoulders of the British Empire. It is not enough to look to the Balkans or somewhere else for encouragement. It is to the brains, courage and resources of the British Empire we must look. And Canada is part of that Empire.

The baron Alenble is loading oil at Job's South Side for England.

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