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OUR POINT OF VIEW

Peculiar Conduct

"On one of the pages of to-day's issue of The Star will be found an article from the New York Times of recent date referring to censorship regulations and publishing a letter written by the censor, Colonial Secretary Bennett, to a local newspaper.

"It is rather peculiar that such a letter should be given publication in an American newspaper, especially in connection with the case of Mr. Hanson, who was ordered to leave the country because he could not establish his identity and nationality satisfactorily.

"The paper in question seems more anxious to identify itself with suspected characters who come to this country than to aid the local authorities in protecting our people from secret agents of our enemies.

"To hand out the censor's letter was certainly a piece of unpardonable indiscretion, if not something worse, and the authorities should take summary action against the offenders."

THE foregoing is from the editorial columns of last evening's "Star." "The paper in question" hinted at by the Star is The Mail and Advocate. We have no wish or reason to conceal this fact. Really we are rather proud of our position in respect to this Hanson outrage.

At the time that we first took up the question in our columns we had the conviction that all was not fair, and our conviction has been more than justified by the fair and manly statement of Mr. Hanson himself, which we had the pleasure of publishing yesterday. We feel that all who read that plain statement, by a gentleman who had nothing to conceal, must be convinced of the very plain fact that "someone had blundered, and that a gross injustice has been done, and now that Mr. Hanson is back again in our midst, with his credentials, our position in the matter has been amply justified, and Mr. Hanson is vindicated.

It is now up to the "Star" to offer an apology to Mr. Hanson or explain in some way his mis-statement respecting that gentleman. The editor of the "Star" is either an unscrupulous vendor of absolute prevarication or the dupe of somebody higher up, who has more power than brains or honesty to justify his position.

The question now is, is the editor of the Star a fool or a rogue? How he must write under the stinging lash of Mr. Hanson's caustic sarcasm, "some men are natural born fools, others grow up with only half the sense they were born with."

Men to whom that cutting sentence can apply are too plentiful in this country, among those who aspire to be leaders, and their assinine qualities have done a lot towards bringing this country into disrepute.

And this is the stamp of man who cries out for vengeance upon us for daring to have published a letter addressed to us by the censor. That letter was ours to do just as we liked with, and we did what he thought only right and proper. We sent it to Mr. Hanson as a sample of what officialdom gone childism can accomplish in the way of putting it over reasonable men.

Now the publication of that letter by the Star, was not a complete story. It is in fact not the half of it, the other part,—the part that Mr. Bennett got from us in reply, would make much more entertaining and instructive copy, and should have been published alongside the one from Mr. Bennett to us.

What an ass the Star man is may be gathered from the fact that he himself published last evening the very article which brought down the censor's wrath upon our devoted head.

It will be interesting to note what action the censor will take in this case. Will the Star please publish the letter he is sure to get from Mr. Bennett?

We quote below the item copied this time from the "Star," for which we were "hauled over the coal."

HOME NEWS FROM ABROAD.

Where Is The Censor?

"We are inclined to ask as well, where is the sense of forbidding local journals from commenting on such items as the one below, when the whole world and his wife know all about what we are forbidden to mention?"

"The military and naval authorities of Canada and Newfoundland have made provisions for an extensive patrol system in the ocean areas around the east coast in an effort to prevent the Germans from establishing submarine bases in these areas, as it has been reported they intend to do."—The New York Times, July 25.

F.P.U. Notes

The S.S. Elmsgarth arrived at South West Arm, Green Bay, yesterday, where she will load pit props owned by the Union Trading Co. The ship will take 3000 cords and will complete loading at White Bay.

The schr. Naomi is ready to sail with a load of supplies for the Lion Store at Seldom.

The Belle Franklin is taking supplies for the Union Store at Catalina.

Mr. Ang. Keefe, who has been working in the store of A. E. Mercer, Bay Roberts, joined the Trading Co.'s staff of dry goods assistants to-day.

The schr. Protector, Capt. Martin of Channel, is ready to leave Sydney with a load of coal for the F.P.U. at Change Islands and Twillingate.

The schr. Capt. Henry White of Greenspond, left Greenspond to-day for Herring Neck to load fishery produce for the Trading Co., which will be discharged here.

The schooner Grace, Captain F. Roberts, is loading fish for the Trading Co. at Dotting Cove. She will take 2500 qtls.

The War's Second Winter.

There will be scores of men who have weathered one winter in the trenches, but there will be thousands to whom it will be a new and bitter experience. It is to the women of the country that these men have a right in the first place to look for some return for their sacrifice. The gentlemen of England who sit at home in ease must bear their part; from them must come the funds to purchase wool and flannel and other things necessary for the mysteries of the sewing room. But a fire of enthusiasm must burn brightly in the heart of every woman to get work done. Better by far a glut of comfort than that even one soldier should shiver, lonely, neglected, forgotten in the knee-deep, half-frozen mud of a trench. London Daily Express.

"Bell Island Miner" Interviews Mr. Kent

Last week the members for the district paid an official visit to Bell Island, in the persons of J. M. Kent, Esq., Leader of the Opposition, and John Dwyer, Esq. They were accompanied by Chas. Ryan, Esq., late candidate for the district. The trio put up at the hospitable house of Mr. R. J. Costigan. During their stay the Editor of the "Miner" sought and obtained an interview with Mr. Kent in order to glean such information as we could from him of interest to our readers. We were cordially received by Mr. Kent, and upon our asking if we could hold an interview with him, waiving party politics (our press supports the Government on this Island) the substance of which would be intended for publication, the following conversation ensued:—

THE MINER: Mr. Kent, last Session a petition largely signed was presented to Parliament asking that certain repairs or improvements be effected at the wharf at Portugal Cove. You see from this out it will be difficult many times for the steamer to approach the landing at the Cove, owing to obstacle of the remains of the old wharf's ballast making water draught too shallow, and too dangerous to approach it. If the Priestman would give us 24 hours we believe the difficulty would be overcome.

MR. KENT: I will make a note of that, and shall interview the Government at the earliest opportunity with a view to having the Priestman visit you. I remember supporting the petition, and I believe the Government will accede to our request. There is no reason why they shouldn't.

MINER: We have been advocating telephone extension between here and St. John's. It is one of the most popular propositions that has been made on the Island for many years. We have reason to believe the Premier would favor the undertaking, and our people would be very grateful for such consideration. Besides it would pay itself and become an asset to the Colony in 12 months.

MR. KENT: That also I will make a note of and will interview the proper authorities at earliest convenience. In this matter I feel sure we would have the hearty co-operation of Mr. Higgins.

MINER: Mr. Kent, is the subject of Confederation a live issue? We believe Newfoundland is pretty equally divided on that question just now, though for obvious reasons we feel anti-Confederate at the present juncture.

MR. KENT: I have no reason to believe that the subject is thought of. At least I know nothing of it. I shall always be against Confederation.

MINER: Is there any cause for the rumors afloat that a probability exists of a Coalition Government being formed?

MR. KENT: I have heard that rumor myself but I cannot say what amount of truth is in it. I can only say I am not going into any Coalition. I cannot say whether the Government will last its four years or not. It is difficult to prophecy. There is no other indication at present.

MINER: It is the ambition of Bell Island to become a separate constituency if possible in the near future. It is proposed to petition the Government during the coming Session to that effect.

MR. KENT: Speaking from a non-political standpoint, I may say that is a matter for serious consideration, as it would involve a general re-distribution which will no doubt have to be made before very long.

MINER: It is also rumored that you have been offered and will probably accept a judgeship of the Supreme Court before next election. Is there any truth in the rumor?

MR. KENT: There is absolutely no question of my accepting a judgeship or any other position. I hope when the time comes around to continue to my allegiance to the old Liberal Party, which will not amalgamate with any other party.

MINER: We have also been advocating for a district physician here. Bell Island needs such an official. Don't you think our health matters are important enough for such a position?

MR. KENT: I am sure they are, and such an appointment is a very feasible one. The whole thing is in the hands of the Government and I would advise steps to be taken to bring the matter before them.

Here ended an interview which we trust some hope of our landing place at the Cove and our telephonic extension having another letter in its favor. Mr. Kent and party left for home on Monday evening.

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