F.P.U. Battery Will Smash Morris

Seven Years of Grab Rule is Coming to an End—A Dying Government Sees the Handwriting on the Wall

The proceedings at the House those days would make one wonder what would the Government do (apart from nursing their friends and supporters) if the loyal Opposition were not always hammering hard facts of the public requirements into their brains.

The Government benches seems to be filled with self-contented occupants who sit with folded arms throughout the sittings, seemingly trusting to luck and the wily engineering of their big chief to keep the tottering fabric of the Tory bluffing apparatus going without any serious breakdown till 1917.

These men seem with few exceptions absolutely unwilling or incapable of grasping the larger problems which affect us so vitally. The only qualifications necessary to become a full fledged Tory M.H.A. is to be proficient in the art of gulling your constituents with false promises and catch cries before polling day arrives.

Sir Edward fully observant of the handwriting on the political wall is beginning to manipulate the machine in the vain hope of averting disaster—appointments, shelving and elevations will be the order of the day in preportion to the political advantage which may be derived. But the one great factor that cannot be shelved or influenced is the growing power and influence of the F.P.U. political party led by its faithful and redoubtable President, Mr. Coaker. This is the modern battery which will decimate the Tory ranks.

Already a strong feeling prevails in Government circles that the price of seven years of bluff and blundering will have to be faced, and it is little wonder that the more scrupulous and sensitive followers are beginning to shrink from the consequences; but the music must be faced gentlemen. You have had your day and your opportunity and you did not make good. Now you all can't get permanent positions.

It is however some consolation to see signs of atonement for past political misconduct and it is generally hoped that the few remaining months of the Morris regime will see some constructive and and in some measure redeeming work performed before they go hence and be no more seen.

President Coaker in his usual enthusiastic style is endeavouring to lift this dying conglomoration of self interests out of the old rut of ease and complacency into a realization of their duty as trustees of the public interest and in this the country wish him God speed.

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The brigtn. Calidona cleared at Carbonear yesterday for Lunenburg with 26,000 qtls. Labrador codfish shipped by J. Rorke & Sons.

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M. A. DUFFY,

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Agents Wanted.

Disastrous Fire At Carbonear

House and Contents Completely Gutted—Nothing Saved--Case a Deserving One For Persons Charitably Disposed

A fire took place at Carbonear at 9 o'clock Monday morning, March 20th, under the most distressing circumstances, when the residence of Mr. John Pike, South Side, with nearly all its contents, was burned to the ground.

The corpse of Mr. Pike, who had died on Saturday, March 18, was rescued from the flames by friends living near; but owing to the snow storm which was then raging little else was saved.

The deceased leaves 2 children to mourn him, who are now fatherless, motherless, and homeless; and any person charitably disposed may help this deserving case through the columns of this paper. —Cor.

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REV. MR. THOMAS LECTURES

Last night the musical lecture held under the auspices of the Girls' Guild of the Congregational Church was very largely attended and eminently successful. Mr. Arthur Mews acted as chairman and in his opening remarks paid a deserved tribute to the Reverend lecturer. The subject was "Sir Arthur Sullivan," the great musical composer, and Mr. Thomas handled in a very able and lucid manner. After the lecture there was a sale of candies and later a splendid concert was heard, the performers being Mesdames King and Thomas, Miss Creswell, Messrs. King, Ross, Williams, Rugles and Thomas. During the evening selections by Sullivan were given on a gramophone kindly loaned by Mr. Bert Martin, the records being furnished by the Royal Stores Ltd. The entertainment closed with the passing of votes of thanks to the Chairman, Rev. Mr. Thomas and the performers, and the singing of the National Anthem.

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SEAL SKINNERS DEMANDS

At their recent annual meeting the city seal skinners who from present appearances it seems will have a busy spring formulated new prices for seal skinning. Here tofore they were given 3 cents for skinning young harps and 4 cents for young hoods. Considering that owing to the new law for killing pelts are being brought in, increasing the labor they now ask 4 cents for young harps and 5 cents for young hoods. They get 20 cents for old hoods and 8 cents for bedlamers, but ask no increase in these latter figures. The men say that they intend to strike if their request for an increase is not granted but the impression is that a satisfactory arrangement will be made.

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ST. MARGARET'S GUILD

At the weekly meeting of St. Margaret's Guild held on Tuesday in the Canon Wood Hall His Lordship Bishop Jones delivered a most interesting and informative address to the members, the subject taken being "Amusements." Much excellent advice was given which if taken properly to heart must make for the moral and material benefit of the venerable Bishop's hearers. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded His Lordship for the excellent address afforded. Over 100 members were present.

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THE "LADY SYBIL" HERE

The S.S. Lady Sybil, Capt. Marshall, arrived here at 3.30 a.m. today from Cadiz with 300 tons salt to Crosbie & Co. She came out in 16 days and put into Fayll to bunker and was 8 days on the run from there. From the start the ship had nothing but stormy weather with gales of W.S.W. and W. N.W. winds, fog and heavy sea, but she came through without a scratch and Capt. Marshall says proved herself the best sea boat he ever handled. She met some strings of slob ice off Ferryland. While at Fayal several ships put in there making a westerly voyage and all were badly damaged by wind and wave. One ship had her bridge carried away, the captain had his arm broken and some of the crew were hurt by the seas which swept on board. Others had their decks swept and received damage to hulls and machinery. The ship will now likely ply in the coal trade to Sydney.

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The Prince's Rink will close down for the season on Saturday next. Manager Bulley has had one of the best seasons since the place started.

GLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS

MARCH 23

THE brigt. Glide, of Harbor Grace, Capt. John Pumphrey, arrived from sealfishery with 6500 seals; crew shared $214.60. She was only 19 days out, 1858.

St. John's Atheaeum established, 1861.

Thomas Byrne, Cochrane-street, died, 1881.

Rev. A. C. J. Warren died of small-pox, 1889.

First steamer in, Neptune, Capt. Blandford, 32,061 seals, 1891.

First steamer in, Labrador, Captain Hann, 47,968 seals, 1892.

First steamer in, Iceland, Capt. Barbour, 22,000 seals, 1897.

Governor McCallum and party went for trip to near icefields, in S.S. Lady Glover, 1899.

John Dwyer, Sr., Oak Farm, died, aged 88, 1855.

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SEALING NEWS

Yesterday messages from the sealers fully confirmed the optimistic reports received the past few days and it is now certain that in proportion to the number of ships and men employed, the seal fishery of 1916 will be a record one. The whole Northern fleet of eight ships will more than likely secure full fares, as since the last report published from 50,000 to 70,000 more seals are reported accounted for. Yesterday an excellent day's work was performed by all in the main patch, and to-day, if the weather remains favorable, the harps will be slaughtered in thousands. The Florizel was yesterday reported for 22,000 on board, and 17,000 killed. The Terra Nova's captain for 25,000 on board and panned, and she stands well in the fore front of the high liners. If one message, which is reported to have been received is true, then the Bloodhound is loaded, for she is reported for 18,000, while the Erik has 14,000. Though there is no mention of the Sable Island, she is known to be with the others and must certainly secure a load. Last evening the following messages were received:

NEPTUNE—18,000 aboard ice tight; other ships of the fleet together.

SAMUEL BLANDFORD.—10,000 on board.

ERIK.—Panned 10,000 to-day; if we can get ahead will pan more to-morrow; ice too tight to take any on board.

FLORIZEL.—Men have panned 17,000 to-day; Erik panned 10,000; prospects good for to-morrow; ice tight; only Florizel able to get around.

EAGLE.—Total on board to-day 18,000; large sheets of ice; difficult to get through; ice tight.

TERRA NOVA.—Men panned to-day 7,000; total panned seals on ice 16,000; 9,000 stowed.

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FROM "SABLE I.", DATED MARCH 22nd, 1916.

"Eight thousand on board; sixteen thousand panned and within three miles seals; extra heavy."

"KEAN.".

CATCH REPORTED.

Florizel	37,000
Eagle	35,000
Neptune	26,000
Terra Nova	25,000
Bloodhound	18,000
Erik	14,000
Samuel Blandford	10,000
Sable I.	24,000
	189,000

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OFFICIAL SEALING NEWS.

(Wireless to the Postmaster-General.)

Via Fogo.—Sable I., Florizel, Eagle, Neptune, Erik, S. Blandford, Bloodhound and Terra Nova report crews aboard and well.

Cape Ray.—Viking, Ranger, Diana and Seal, all well; no men on ice.

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BLOODHOUND'S GOOD WORK.

Baine Johnston & Co. had a wireless from the Bloodhound this morning saying that the ship had 8,000 on board, 8,000 panned, and would pan the balance of her load to-day, so that with favorable conditions of ice and weather she should be amongst the first of the fleet to reach port.

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MAY SEND "KITE."

There is a rumour about the City to-day that the old "Kite" may be hurriedly fitted out with a scrap crew of about 50 men, and sent to the northern icefloes to try and secure a trip of "fat." Seals are plentiful, it is known where they are, and many think the venture would be worth trying.

Ex-Police Officer Writes From "Hub"

Tells of Weather Conditions There and Gives the Opinions of Newfoundlanders Residing in Boston—Speaks of U.S. Sentiment

Ex-Const. Edward Hynes, formerly of our City Police Force, writing from East Cambridge, Mass., to a friend, with whom he corresponds in St. John's, writes an interesting letter of recent date.

He is always delighted to hear from old Terra Nova and says that as he writes, one of the worst snow storms since he entered the domains of Uncle Sam, several years ago, prevails. They had one of the most stormy months of February for many years, and snow with a N. E. gale had prevailed for 24 hours, as he wrote, and real old-style Newfoundland drifts were piled in all directions, blocking traffic and tying up a good deal of the business of this hustling New England Town.

Considering that this occurred about the middle of March, we here in St. John's are not "all alone by our lonesome," as far as Spring blizzards are concerned, and old "Boreas" at least this year has been impartial in distributing his "favours." He had the pleasure of meeting Mr. John Devine of this city while visiting his brother at East Cambridge; Mr. Dwyer, a Newfoundlander, whose picture he enclosed, was formerly a prominent personage in Boston and Cambridge, and he speaks of him as a thorough and patriotic Newfoundlander.

Mr. Hynes is pro-ally from the start and intensely pro-British and his letter reflects the opinion of all our fellow-country-men domiciled in the New England States. He observes that the notes of President Wilson to Germany, whether they be considered as merely bluffs in the game of diplomacy or solemn statements of the American position as to the Central Empire's submarine campaign, they have had undoubtedly the effect of saving many a Britisher from a watery grave. He thinks if Uncle Sam did not make these protests that many more British as well as neutral lives would have been sacrificed on the high seas. He thinks that official England and official America perfectly understand each other.

Preparations for eventualies are being quietly but quickly made in the United States. Should the relations between the States and Germany be abruptly severed there would be no block on German piracy, but at present, while the Allied Powers are receiving abundant supplies from Columbia the diplomatic hand is quietly and with more success than perhaps many realize, enforcing international law. Should, however, the break come, Mr. Hynes believes the United States would send to the Western front to the help of her sister Republic France, England and Belgium, a first installment of 500,000 well-equipped troops in American transports convoyed by special units of the U. S. Navy.

The German papers and Germans in the States admit that if war came between America and Germany that, if necessary, the Americans could finance and supply the Allies indefinitely. He thinks it significant that the White Star Line has stopped taking passengers to handle munitions exclusively. Three of their largest liners have increased their carrying capacity to the extent of 50,000 tons per trip. All believe that the day is coming when the United States must perforce enter the war. He himself is now on duty and the company he is with is supplying 500 tons copper cable, taking it out of service and shipping it to England. It is worth 30 cents per pound. He speaks of the (then) prospective mission of the Passionist Fathers to St. John's, says that they are brilliant men and powerful preachers and that their visit will be productive of great good to the Catholic people of St. John's.

V. C.

and

British Colonel

Dark, Mixed IS GREAT.

TRY IT

At the Royal Cigar Store,

Bank Square, Water Street.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

Yesterday the Volunteers had indoor drill and they received the remainder of their kit while allotments were concluded. To-day they were inspected by His Excellency the Governor and the Premier. The number on the roll is now 3071 with the following enlistments yesterday:—Patk. Hayes St. John's; Jno. Ryan, St. John's; Ml. F. Doran, St. John's; Jos. G. Crummey, Western Bay; Thomas Vincent, Grank Bank; Jas. Osborne, Blaketown.

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Yesterday before the Volunteers were dismissed Sgt. Baird on behalf of the men presented Lieut. G. W. Ayre with a very fine dressing case, expressing to him the appreciation all felt for the excellent services the officer had rendered the Regiment. Lieut. Ayre in a neat speech heartily thanked the men for their handsome spirit in which it was tendered. Loud cheers were given for the Lieutenant at the conclusion of the ceremony.

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Instructor Hussey last night entertained a number of the Non-Coms of the Volunteers at his residence and all spent a jolly time. Refreshments were served and all present enjoyed themselves. Songs, speeches and instrumental pieces helped all to spend a few pleasant hours.

LOCAL ITEMS

The whole country is now in a very healthy condition and outside of a case of small pox, so called, at Port Rexton and an occasional case of diphtheria in the city there is no infectious disease prevalent.

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The whole of the banking fleet are either now fishing or pretty well ready for the voyage and the vessels will be on the grounds early this year. The catch for the winter fisheries is away short of what it was last year.

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Miss Maisie Cullen, daughter of Mr. Wm. Cullen, foreman in The Daily News office, recently passed a very brilliant examination in speed in the Sloan-Duployan system of shorthand. She received her training at the Convent of Mercy.

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Mr. Jas. J. Galway recently composed and set to music a very patriotic ballad entitled "The Sweethearts that we left in Newfoundland," and a copy of which we acknowledge with thanks. It is a composition of much merit and should certainly be well received by the public.

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Marystown and nearby places have been blocked with ice for some time past, an occurrence which is not often noted. There are several vessels due there to load 15,000 qtls. of fish now held in stock and some anxiety is expressed owing to the unusual conditions prevailing.

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Quite a number of our local fishermen are now getting ready for the season's fishery and several are refurnishing their motor boats and will make a trial for cod in April if the ice is off the coast. Last year several of the Battery men were out in April secured good fares and sold them at remunerative figures.

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DECLARED NO DIVIDEND.

The annual meeting of the Bell Island Transportation Coy was held on Thursday last and their affairs seemed to be on a par with that of last year. They declared no dividend and the Government will be called upon for the guarantee of 5 per cent., which the general taxpayer must put up, and look pleasant.

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MONEY STOLEN AT LAUNDRY

The midnight thief who is now keeping the city on the **qui vivi** is getting away with a good deal of money. He secured a considerable sum of the Globe Steam Laundry, and with the hauls made at Neal's, Stafford's, the Meat Market and other places must have secured upwards of $100.00.

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RUMOURS PUT ABOUT.

There are various rumours about the City to-day as to slight accidents to the seal ships in moving about in the heavy ice. We are assured by owners that nothing of a serious nature has occurred to in any way impede them in their work and the crews are all well and in good spirits.

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READ THE MAIL & ADVOCATE

Large Audience Greets Lecturer

Grenfell Hall Packed With Citizens Who Hear Mr. Thompson Speak on Serbia and Montenegro—Praise For Nfld. Soldiers

The lecture given by Mr. C. H. Thompson in the Grenfell Hall last night was attended by a fairly large and appreciate audience, which included His Excellency the Governor and Lady Davidson, the Premier, Capt Abraham and other notable citizens. For nearly two hours Mr. Thompson took his hearers in a very graphic and realistic manner over those Balkan States which have been devastated by the great war now raging, viz: Serbia and Montenegro, dwelt on their histories, the manners and customs of the peoples inhabiting them and by a series of splendid pictures illustrated his very interesting address.

In the course of his lecture he paid a tribute to the Newfoundlanders who had fought on Gallipoli, and many of whom he had seen at Wandsworth and showed that they were worthy descendants of the stock from which they had sprung.

His Excellency the Governor presided and a vote of thanks, proposed by Sir Wm. Horwood and seconded by Hon. R. Watson, was accorded the lecturer, to whom His Excellency paid a warm tribute on his knowledge of the subjects treated by him, and dwelt at some length on the origin of the war, which was the result, not of the Seragero tragedy but of Austrian intrigue.

Mr. Thompson then thanked His Excellency for presiding and the singing of the National Anthem closed the proceedings. The proceeds will goo to the Red Cross branch of the W. P. A.

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THE NICKEL

The holiday programme at the Nickel theatre yesterday was largely attended and patrons were highly pleased with the entertainment. The Nickel is the popular resort on holidays as on other days, and yesterday was no exception. The pictures were all of the finest quality especially the episode of "The Exploits of Elaine." This thrilling story is popular with old and young, and it always pleases. The latest chapter is highly sensational and was followed with the keenest interest by all. The subjects by the Vitagraph artistes were also pleasing. The programme will be repeated to-day and those who were unable to attend yesterday should be sure and go. During the Lenten season all the Nickel profits will be given to charity.

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OPORTO MARKET.

This week:	
Nfld. Stocks	44,062
Consumption	8,107
Last week:	
Nfld. Stocks	52,207
Consumption	4,230

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AN ACCOMMODATING JUDGE

Country Justice—"Ten Dollars."

Motorist—"I've only twenty. Can you change it."

Justice—"No; but I can change the fine. I'll make it twenty."

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Autoists ought to feel "set up" this year riding with such high-priced gasoline.

Another Citizen Enters Protest

Wants to Know if McGrath's Appointment is Intended as an Insult to Newfoundlanders at Home and Abroad

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—I have much pleasure in endorsing the remarks of our fearless citizen, Mr. Kenneth R. Prowse, in yesterday's issue of your paper.

There is no doubt but the recent appointment of P. T. McGrath to the position of Hon. President of the Legislative Council is distasteful to all classes and creeds in the country.

I would like to ask, Mr. Editor, is this outrage of McGrath's appointment intended as an insult to all right thinking Newfoundlanders at home and abroad?

This position in the past has been held by gentlemen of exemplary character and who had the respect and esteem of the whole community, and it is a pity that the "Legislative Council" should be degraded by appointing a man whose reputation is so well and unfavorably known.

The public look to you, Mr. Editor, to do your utmost and have this abnoxious appointment recinded without delay.

Yours truly,

DIGNITY

St. John's, March 22, 1916.

Sergt. Mackey Gets Busy

At 10.45 last night while standing on Rawlin's Cross Const. 'Bruce' heard the crash of breaking glass, and with the cracksman now at work here in his mind and presumably a vision of sensational capture in his brain, he made a dash for the place where the sound came from. Investigating he found the window of Mr. Swidland's store, Prescott Street, broken, and on examination he found that it had been made with a piece of hard snow, which rested on the shelf inside. The shelf contained boots and other goods but nothing had been taken from it. The party who broke the glass had evidently fled when he heard Bruce approaching.

The officer reported the occurrence at the Station and the night watch were on the alert when they went out. While passing along Gower Street at 1.15 a.m. to-day Sgt. Mackey found two men named Scott and Sinnott of the East End loitering in the shadows near Lawrence's factory and promptly went for them. One of the men when araigned in Court to-day said that the Sergeant bluffed them badly. He testified that the officer ordered them to "up with their hands" in truly "Biffalo Bull" style and there was nothing for them to do but comply and he, anyway marched both to the station.

It was believed they were the parties who have been doing the cracksman stunt nightly of late, but this they strenuously denied and there was no evidence to convict them, so that on a charge of being drunk and disorderly Mr. Hutchings, K.C., sentenced each one to pay a fine of $2.00 or go down for seven days. The Sergeant deserves credit for arresting two such hard cases alone and bringing them unaided to the Station.

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