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OUR POINT OF VIEW

WE, in this country, have much room to complain of the manner in which we are being served with news. News of very far-reaching importance and interest comes to us very often days after the newspapers on the continent have published it. Things of the most vital consequences are sent to us by the wire when we are expecting news of moment. News of 500 Chinamen being expelled from Germany in order to ease down on German demands for food, which we received Feb. 27, may serve as an instance of trifling, or we are told of the cutting off of an actress's legs, when neither the legs nor the actress are known to us, neither for that matter do we care whether Sarah the Divine has a leg to stand on, she never comes to see us, does Sarah. As a sample of the belated news we publish below a clipping from the "Daily Mail and Empire, Feb. 20th. The subject is the suspension by the British Government of all travel between England and the continent, also of the marooning of Americans. This news reached us by wire on Saturday and was published by us on that date. Nor is our complaint on the score of lateness only. We have to complain, also, that a great many important despatches do not reach us at all. We are kept in almost total ignorance, for only mere sweepings get through to us.

Is this the fault of an over cautious censor? If so, we must say that his "bump" of caution is developed to a very unhealthy degree.

We are paying a considerable sum monthly for the news service, we might as well save the amount and wait for our exchanges to supply news for our columns.

Another despatch tells us that Britain's reply to Germany's submarine blockade is a new type of big gun to shoot shrapnel under water, with such force as to destroy a submarine. If Britain has no better answer than that, then Heaven help Britain.

We cite these as examples of the trashy despatches that are handed out to us from day to day, when the world is fairly pulsating with momentous events, and we ask how long have we to tolerate this trifling.

(Special to The Mail and Empire.)

Washington, Feb. 19.—The State Department was advised to-day that the British Government has suspended until further notice all travel between England and the Continent of Europe. This notification excited much comment here to-day. While the department's message on the subject was very brief, being merely a bare announcement of the fact, it is not doubted that this action is an emergency measure growing out of the new German operations.

It is assumed here that the embargo of the Admiralty applies to passenger traffic only as the word "travel" is used in the official announcement. To this ruling all Americans in England desiring to cross over to Continental Europe will be subject.

It is expected that the effect of this order will be to cause a general interruption of all commercial intercourse between England and the Continent for a time at least.

READ THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE.

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

Delivered at the Opening of the Second Annual Meeting of Harbor Grace District Council of the F.P.U., Held at Spaniard's Bay, February 24th, 1915.

FRIENDS AND DELEGATES OF THE HARBOR GRACE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF THE F.P.U.—

It is with great pleasure I welcome you here to-day at this the Second Convention of Councils representing Harbor Grace District. I hope and trust our deliberations together will be of such profit to each delegate present that when we separate we will be firmer in our convictions and stronger in the faith that the aims and objects of the Fishermen's Protective Union are within the bounds of realization, that they are worth striving for, and that they will be the production of good not only to ourselves but to the Country in general.

It is only six years ago since the Fishermen's Protective Union was organized, and yet in that short period of time it has justified its existence far beyond the fondest hopes of its most enthusiastic supporters. In growth of membership, it has gone from the nineteen members of six years ago to over 20,000 to-day, and it is still growing.

The benefits derived by its members are greater than any ever accorded by any other organization. The prices of our fish have been much greater than they would have been if no Union had existed, and, in numbers of instances, it can be said that the price of provisions has been lower than it would have been with no Trading Company.

The advantages offered us by The Daily Mail and Advocate, in keeping us informed of what is being done in fishery matters, in political affairs, have been many, and now, with the formation of the Export Company we are getting near the goal which will help to make possible the dream of the ancient prophet "Every man sitting under his own vine and fig tree, none daring to make him afraid." The realization of this dream will be gradual, but come it will, by patience, perseverance, and unity of action, and in no other way.

To the wonderful energy and great devotion of our leader, Mr. W. F. Coaker, whose work has been a labour of love, backed by the united and determined resolve of 20,000 fishermen, we attribute the great success attained, a success without parallel in the history of this Country.

The great fight put up by President Coaker and the Union Members in the House of Assembly last winter, speaks for itself. Suffice it to say that never before were the desires and wishes of the toilers of the Country given better expression and fought for more determinedly than by them. We must make up our minds that when another election comes round, Harbor Grace shall add three more Union Members to the number.

The year 1914 will never be forgotten by us. It was a year without parallel in our history. The Spring witnessed the greatest sealing disaster ever known, in which two hundred and fifty-three of our brave, hardy sealers lost their lives in fighting for their daily bread.

It is not necessary for me to enlarge upon it, more than to say how glad we should be that we have a Party in the

Rotterdam.—The chamber of commerce here has received a communication from the German consul. Producing a note from Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, in which he says: "In most cases German submarines will be unable to distinguish between neutral and British vessels when encountered in the war zone. All merchantmen therefore run the risk of destruction. In order to avoid losses, it is urgently necessary for neutral vessels to keep away from the war zone."

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Another Kean Arrest Petition

Island Cove Charges Kean With Criminal Negligence

The Government Asked To Take Action

To His Excellency the Governor in Council:—

The petition of the undersigned residents of Upper Island Cove and electors of the electoral district of Harbor Grace humbly sheweth that on March 31st and April 1st last, seventy-eight sealers of the crew of the sealing steamer "Newfoundland" died on the icefloes from exposure, and that in the opinion of your petitioners, Captain Abram Kean, Master of the "Stephano," was guilty of criminal negligence in relation to the said men, wherefore your Petitioners humbly pray that Your Excellency be pleased to direct the Law Officers of the Crown to take the necessary steps to test before the Courts the liability or otherwise of Captain Kean. And as in duty bound they will every pray.

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House led by a man who will fight to the bitter end to see that provisions and regulations are made for the conduct of the fishery such as will prevent a like disaster occurring again.

The attitude of President Coaker towards Capt. Kean, John Munn and Eric Bowring has met with the almost universal approval of the Country and the manly and courageous stand taken by him in the "Toilers' Fight for Liberty" in face of such heavy odds marks the President as a man worthy of the confidence and loyal support of every toiler in the Country.

The heartless and defiant attitude of Munn and Bowring is characteristic of their class who drunk with power derived by their big profits produced by the toil of those who labor for them treat them not as free men but as mere serfs and that all toilers will resent this in a manner that will make these arrogant and domineering merchant prigs regret their miserable conduct time will disclose.

The breaking out of war in August last has added many hardships to our people. The price of foodstuffs has risen considerably and this, with the bad fishery experienced in many parts of Conception Bay, has made it hard for the people to live. This war, which is being conducted at such a terrible cost and at a sacrifice of the best blood of our people, we earnestly hope may soon come to an end. That the British Empire must be maintained at all cost in the great struggle with the military power of Germany demands all the support that it is possible for our Country to give.

Democracy, which is "The Rule of the People," is threatened. To let Britain go down would be recreant to our duty as citizens of the Empire, and most unworthy sons we would be, playing false to the principles of liberty, freedom and fair play which have been handed down to us by our fathers and which were gained by them at terrible cost. If we value to-day the liberty and freedom which cost them their treasure and their lives, we must possess their courage and support them by maintaining the Empire at all costs.

That we will do so is evidenced by the magnificent response being shown all over Newfoundland. Let us earnestly hope that this war will end war and that Democracy will be given an impetus that diplomats will no longer have the deciding voice in setting nations at one another's throats, that Militarism will be dethroned, and that the nations will see that it is only by working together in harmony and good will can they derive the greatest Prosperity and Happiness.

We heartily and cordially welcome our President to this Convention and feel sure that his presence will add considerably to its success. With the pressing duties devolving on his shoulders just now it shows how deeply he is interested in the welfare of Conception Bay when he makes time to come over here to find what our wishes are in all matters affecting the Union and District.

ABRAM MORGAN, Chairman.

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MONDAY and TUESDAY:—

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