Scores Mosdell and McGrath

Says Coaker His Struck The Blow For The Regeneration of Poor, Ill-Used Terra Nova-Hot Shot for the Coal Barons.

(Editor Mail and Advocate) Dar, Sir,-The action of the City Coal Sharks in bleeding the miserable poor of the City is an interesting topic for our people. We see in at least two of our papers, the Herald and Star some specious reasons given in defence of the action of these "oppressors of the poor," the ring of coal importers, formed a few months ago into a trust to ex- They should go early, as the hall optract the last copper from the widow the orphan and the indigent to swell their already plethoric purses, and the argument which to these reactionary organs seems to be the most unanswerable is that one Hall-known great two reel detective feature to a few Government heelers and a "The Money Leeches," an episode small coterie of kindred spirits as "Tommy' Hall, yelept the Government of the best of the bunch. Jack Mul-Engineer-says that the price is very hall and Irma Dawkins, the noted Bireasonable and that the Coal Barons lograph stars feature in "A much needmake little, if anything, out of their ed Lesson." A comedy drama "Iola importations. Now, we all know that "Tommy" Hall, who was imported ma of Eastern customs in the here over the heads of as good, if not better men, to be foisted into the position he holds and who incidentally also brought along a relative to al big matinee will be on Saturday share the good things, will do what Morris and some of the Coal Shylocks of his Executive tell him to do. He is to undertake such work and he has to manipulate figures to suit his masters. But what of the other two worthies, McGrath and Mosdell? Well they may use the old expressive phrase "agra we met." They certainare a precious pair of "birds of a feather." Of course one could not expect them to be anywhere else but lined up on the side of the "oppressors of the poor." Their political personal and public acts have fitted them for such a nefarious role. If you will permit me I will give a little casual resume of the careers of both to illustrate what I assert. I will give the "Honorable" P. T. precedence. He deserves it. His career has been marked by treachery, sycophancy and betrayal of political and personal friends and for one purpose -private gain. I will waive the story told of how he first entered the domain of Journalism and begin with his famous break with the Reids caused by his treason known as the Chicago "Record" letter. Believing, for some reason hard to understand, that McGrath, then editor of the "Herald, was the Alpha and Omega of Newfoundland journalism and the political "King maker" here, and one wno would be a tower of strength to them in their politico-industrial designs and finding him a willing tool, not as a matter of sentiment, but for a cold cash consideration, nothing was too good for this one of the latest additions to the ranks of our local honorables. He was feted, wined and dined and P. T.'s success in life dated form the Reid's patronage of their journalistic champion. But the substantial subsidies of his new-found friends were not enough for this little "gripe." Securing the entree of some American papers, he coveted the few dollars coming to him by his contributors and \$25 was the price of his betrayal of his benefactors. Re-

Thenceforward, he became their bitterest opponent, curried favour with that hate and despise Coaker on the is offered in which The Mail and Ad-E. P. Morris, a man he blackguarded daily in the "Herald" for years, threw over his allegiance to the Tory Party fawned and followed on the heels of Sir Robert Bond, like the political crackie dog that he is, eventually was taken in at a price, and when the time was ripe, entered the conspiracy with the other "Honourable" (E.P.M.) whom he had so often vilified and gave Sir Robert the political knife in 1908, while to-day, if report be correct, he has threatened Morris with similar treatment, if certain little requirements of his are not favourably

Looking at this hastily depicted carer of the Honourable (?) P. T. could one expect him to be anywhere else but on the side of those who posses the "shiners," even though these are wrung from the heart's blood of the suffering poor. All this is done by P. T. for one reason-

with one object in view-money. But some fine day this "Honourable" will find that the pure brand of tion of poor, ill-used Terra Nova. honour, could he but have it, will mean more to him than the sheckels | publication,-I am, etc., he has questionably amassed, and

******* OUR THEATRES *******

THE NICKEL

The week-end programme at the Nickel Theatre, which begins to-day, is equally as good, if not superior, to the other splendid programmes this week. Each subject is by famous artistes who are stars in their profession. The big item to-day is the 1t1h episode of the wonderful "Who Pays" series and is entitled "The Fruit of Folly." It is the prettiest chapter of this remarkable series and every lover of the movies should make an effort to attend. To-morrow afternoon there will be the usual bumper matinee for children, with extra pictures. such as will delight the little ones.

THE CRESCENT

To-day's show at the Crescent Picture Palace is a very fine the "Girl Detective" series and one the Christian" is a spectacular dra-Christian days. The comedy is a very laughable one: "A Bunch of matches" by the Essanav Company. The usu-Extra pictures and a clean and com-

GULF FLEET SAILS

The Gulf sealers for the sealfishery sailed this morning. They are the Viking, Ranger and Diana of St. John's and the "Seal" of Halifax. Several ships including two Norwegans prosecuted the Gulf voyage last year, five of these being Newfoundland steamers. Less than 30,000 seals were taken, the voyage being a poor one, and of these Capt. Bob Bartlett, in the Bonaventure, took 25,985. We wish the ships every success in the Gulf and a quick and safe return.

OLD SEALS SEEN.

Yesterday, Seal Cove reported seeing some seals, and a telegram reeived from La Scie reported a numper, believed to be old harps, near the ape on Wednesday.

which he so indifferently enjoys for bvious reasons.

Now, the other worthy, Mosdell, a fit companion for the Honourable (? ittle Judas of Prescott Street. Plucked out of obscurity by the man he now vilifies, the worthy and Independent President of the F.P.U., he now tries to rend this gentleman, who was the first to secure for him a place in the sun. Like McGrath, he too, has acted the Judas. He has not disdained to use secrets, if necessary. their careers that P. T. McGrath and tends its sympathy. "Doc" Mosdell espouse the cause of the monied blood-suckers against the oppressed labourer, mechanic and ceiving with one hand their liberal fisherman? Is it any wonder that largesses, he, with the other, for a pittance, wrote a betrayal of them, a series in fact, and had been writing them when he was being treated as an honoured guest at the Reids' family hearth. Discarded, justly, by the Reids, he showed great compunction for his unprecedentally mean treatment of the men who made him, but and misery of the old, the infirm, the this was because of the losses in prosorphan and widow when it cries to pect-the result of the break with heaven for vengeance will be speedily answered, and those are the poltroons two sisters, to whom much sympathy manly and disinterested stand he vocate joins. Interment takes place

takes on all public questions. Well, the shafts of their hatred, no matter how sharp or how often hurled, are the very things which will redound to Mr. Coaker's benefit. Coaker's splendid attitude on this coal abuse and on other matters affecting the poor of this City has profoundly impressed the people of St. John's, who see in him a leader to be reckoned with, a redressor of public wrongs, an emancipator of oppressed masses and a figure who, if he adheres to the ideals he has set himself, must prove the mainstay of a country now on the brink of financial and industrial

When the names of McGrath, Mosdell and others of that ilk will be forgotten, and only if remembered to be execrated, Coaker's will be enshrined in the hearts of Newfoundlanders as being the one man who made the first blow for the social, commercial and political refenera-Thanking you in anticipation of

CITY MECHANIC.

"Good Night Message" for **Our Sealers**

Marconi Co. Will Send P.M.G. a Night Message Stating How Our Sealers Are-Will Greatly Help to Avoid Trouble.

At the request of the Government through the Postmaster-General, the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Co., of Canada, Ltd., have agreed to the inauguration of a "Good-Night Message" between the sealing steamers and the coast stations, while the ships are engaged at the seal fishery. The operators on the steamers have been instructed that each night between 9.30 and 10 o'clock they are to communicate with the nearest coast station and send a message, previously written by the Captain, addressed to the P.M.G., stating whether all is well or whether he has men astray on the ice. etc. After all ships have communicated with the coast station, the station will send out a general message to all the ships, wishing them the message sent out will state the nature of the trouble experienced by such ship, so that assistance may be rendered, if necessary.

The coast station will then send the messages received to the Postmaster-General, who will furnish the owners of the steamers with a copy of the message received.

This "Good-Night Service" should prove of great value to the relatives and friends of the men engaged at the seal fishery, and to the Marconi Company is due the thanks of the persons who will benefit by this service, which is to be operated without

This is only another instance of the desire and readiness of the Marconi Company to make their Wireless Service in Newfoundland of greater value. It may not be generally known that for the past couple of years they have forwarded, free of charge, to the Battle Harbour Station a copy of the daily public news despatch (such as is furnished to the outports by the Postal Telegraphs.) This despatch when received is posted up for the information of the resident of Battle Harbour, and it is only when one is situated as these people are, that the benefit of this free message is fully realized and appreciated during the long winter months, when the people are practically cut off from civilization, except for the Overland Winter Mail Servcie.—News

**************** **OBITUARY**

MRS. A. GLASCOE. The death occurred vesterday morning after a brief illness at her home gleaned while in his benefactor's em- | Water Street West, of Mrs. Annie ploy and we all know that the freak Glascoe, relict of the late John Glaspaper he so indifferently edits is the cote, butcher. Mrs. Glascoe was a creation of the ill-gotten gains of a woman well-known and highly reclique of autocrats, amongst whom spected in the West End and leaves are to be found even some of those to mourn her, two sons and two very "oppressors of the poor" to daughters. One of the former is Mr. whom I have once or twice already al- Thos. Glascoe, the well-known butchluded. Is it any wonder then with er of Water Street. To the sorrowonly a casual and brief survey of ing family The Mail and Advocate ex-

MR. JOHN C. TAYLOR. There passed peacefully away Wed nesday afternoon, Mr. John C. Taythey act as the apologists and de-lor, after an illness of only a few fenders of the miserable hounds hours. Deceased was employed with whose sins "crying to heaven for the Horwood Lumber Co., and while vengeance" are already heading them at work Wednesday, was stricken with for Hades, and whose sordid visages paralysis, and had to be conveyed to already reflect the fitful light of the his home, Pleasant Sa. Medical at Pit of Perdition. This language may tendance was soon at hand, but of no be strong, Mr. Editor, but the blood avail and death came on peacefully Deceased was in his 54th year, and leaves a widow, one son, three daughters, as well as three brothers and

MISS MAGGIE LANG.

to-morrow at 2.30 p.m.

Mr. Charles Lang, of the Boot and Shoe Factory, and Mrs. Lang will have the sympathy of their many friends in the passing of their eldest daughter Maggie, which occurred yesterday afternoon, after a protracted illness. After much suffering the end came peacefully, but not unexpectedly. Miss Lang was one of the brightest pupils of the Presentation Convent, and possessed all the attributes that make one beloved by her associates. Besides her parents several sisters and brothers are left to mourn, including Private James Lang, of the First Newfoundland Regiment, who resigned from Bowring Bros' office to fight for King and Country. To the sorrowing family The Mail and Advocate joins in the sympathy

The schr. "Annie E. Larder." laden by P. Templeman, left Catalina for Gibraltar Wednesday, but had to return yesterday owing to ice on the

********* ICE & WEATHER -CONDITIONS-

Thursday, March 9th

Seal Cove-Wind E., weather dull with snow: bay full of ice; few seals seen; no old ones.

La Scie-Wind S.E., dull and mild, ice open and moving off shore; number of seals seen at the Cape yesterday, thought to be old harps. Tilt Cove-S.E., light, dull, milder.

Bay clear. Nipper's Hr.-Fresh E.S.E. wind bay full of ice and slob; no harp

seals seen here this season. Twililngate S.S.E. strong breeze, dull, mild, harbour ice clearing out water all around: no seals.

Change Islands-Strong S. wind, with rain; ice off shore. Fogo-Heavy gale Easterly wind blowing, slob ice going off from harbour outside; cold, snow drifting. Greenspond-Wind S. E. blowing strong: five ships arrived at Pool's Island.

thick; ice moving off shore. Catalina-Strong S. wind with snow flurries; slob ice coming in. "Annie E. Larder" returned to port owing to

Bonavista-Stiff breeze about S. E.

Flower's Cove—S. E. winds, mild; ice moving off from land.

March 8th, from Quebec. Heath Point-Cloudy Nalight; close packed ice everywhere.

Scattari—Snowing, N.E. heavy close packed ice inshore.

Magdalen Islands—Snowing, ce same as yesterday. Money Point-Cloudy, variable, heavy close packed ice everywhere. Flat Point-Cloudy N. E., light, clos packed ice everywhere. Point Amour-Cloudy, calm, light, close packed ice everywhere, moving

THE S. S. NOREG HERE

At 6 p.m. yesterday the S.S. Noreg arrived in port from Barry after run of 12 days. The ship will begin immediately to load codfish for the Export Co. She had fine weather all the way over but met some ice off this coast. The ship is 1389 tons FIRE DESTROYS DWELLING AT gross, 866 net, built at Bergen in 1903 and is 245 feet long, 363 beam and 16.7 feet deep. She is owend by Harloff and Rodseth and this is her first

COLLECTION FOR STUNDENTS' FUND

As we stated Monday at all the Catholic churches in the City on Sunday next a special collection will be taken up for the Ecclesiastical Students' Fund. There are a number of young men now studying for the Priesthood for the Archdiocese and Hr. Grace and we have no doubt that Sunday's collection will be one which will rebound to the credit of our Catholic fellow citizens and be worthy of the object for which it is to be

Another Very Interesting Carnival

Last night's Carnival at the Parade Rink, despite the bad weather prevailing, was attended by a large number of masqueraders and spectators, and was one of the best held there for many years. There was a great variety of costumes, many of them very original and several very pretty. Indians, and 'darkies" and Spanish gentlemen intermingling with ladies in flowing robes, and dainty Dutch costumes, while one young lady was weirdly and wonderfully attired as "Superstitions", showing that she cared neither for witches nor black cats. Altogether the vari-coloured mass was to the beholder, both novel

and interesting. G.Coultas and Messrs. Carl Chancey, W. Auckinleck and J. Snow won the prizes. The Terra Nova Band discoursed a fine musical programme and a goodly sum was realized for trict Court. the Patriotic Fund.

CLOVER LEAF" TOBACCO.

ASK FOR "CLOVER LEAF," THE BEST : FISHERMAN'S TO-BACCO ON THE MARKET.

TRY A PLUG.

M. A. DUFFY, SOLE AGENT.

Another Midnight Robbery

That a cracksman is operating nightly about the City the police are now fully assured. Last night another store was raided and a considerable quantity of goods stolen. The store is owned by Miss Lawlor, daughter of Inspector Lawlor of the Health Department. It is situated on Long's Hill and Miss Lawlor keeps there general groceries, candies, etc. It is only occupied in the daytime, and at night is locked up. Miss Lawlor on opening the place this morning found that the shop had been ransacked after the padlock had been beaten off the door and a lot of tinned goods, groceries, etc. stolen,

We learn that other similar robberies have also recently occurred in other parts of the City. It is likely the same man who broke into Jackman and Greene's and other stores is still at work.

FIRE ALARM TO-DAY.

Just after noon to-day an alarm from Box 41 brought the Western and Central firemen to the dock premises. The roof of an old shed at the entrance of the dock and facing Long Bridge was on fire. A few buckets of water quenched it, and but slight damage was done

B. I. S. CARD TOURNEY

There was an interesting card tourpert players handled the boards" and Mr. R. Clancy won out in good shape. Mr. Clancy had his choice of three prizes, umbrella, pipe and stick pin.

Supreme Court

In the Supreme Court to-morrow the celebrated "Clover Leaf" Tobacco Case comes up for hearing. The parties to it are the Imperial Tobacco Co, pltfs., M. A. Duffy, deft. Messrs Con-Mediterranean from the Nfld. Fish roy and Higgins for ptlfs., Kent, K.C. for deft.

BRIGUS.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. Hutchings K.C. had a telegram from Magistrate Thompson of Brigus, saying, that Capt Robt. A. Bartlett's house, occupied by Dr. Gill, had been destroyed by fire. Only a few articles of furniture were saved and up to the time the message was sent nothing was known of the origin of the fire.

LAID TO REST.

The funeral of the late Capt. Wilson took place yesterday afternoon, and was attended by many citizens, including the Masonic Fraternity, of which body the deceased mariner had long been a member. Interment was at the C. E. Cemetery, Rev. Dr. Jones officiating at the graveside.

ANOTHER NEWFOUNDLANDER MAKES GOOD.

We learn that Mr. A. H. Lemessurier, son of Deputy-Minister of Cus toms Lemessurier, who was for fifteen years connected with the First National Bank of Englewood, in Chicago, has severed his connection with that Bank, and taken the more lucrative position of cashier and vice-president of the Citizens' Trust and Savings Bank, which is a State Bank,

On leaving the First National Bank, Mr. Lemessurier was presented by the officials with an Address, and a handsome loving cup, in recognition of his

POLICE COURT NEWS.

In the Police Court to-day Mr. F. Mrs. E. Coffin, Misses L. Butler and J. Morris, K.C presided, and fined a drunk, the second time for the season. \$5 or 14 days.

Several civil cases were also adjudicated upon by him in the Central Dis-

BRANCH MEN FOR R.N.R.

Several men from Branch St. Mary's

Bay arrived here yesterday by train They are all fine strapping young fishermen with the mettle of the "fighting race" about them, and all joined the Naval Reserve to help the

POLICE AFTER THIEVES.

The police detectives are hot on the trail of the noctural thieves operating in the City. Altogether four watches were stolen at English's jewellery store to which we exclusively refer- WANTED-Machine Hands and red. Two of these were of the cheap variety, and two others, valuable "tickers." It is said the detectives have a clue which they are following closely

LOCAL ITEMS

morrow morning

The S.S. Stephano left New York at 4 p.m. yesterday for Halifax and this port.

The weather is fine across country to-day, except at Gaff Topsails, where it is snowing.

-----There are, at present, two cases of diphtheria in one house at Stephen- British Navy Department and who ville. Dr. Bethune is tending the

Numbered Reserved Seat Tickets for "The Road to Kenmare" will be on sale Monday, March 13th., 8.30 a.m. at the Atlantic Bookstore. mar10,2i

here to try and secure berths for the seal fishery, but who failed, returned to their homes by the express last evening. Yesterday. Const. Forsey picked

up three post cards written in England to a person in the city. owner can get them at the Western

It is likely that Capt. Geo. Hearn and the crew of the schr. Idalia will arrive here by the Stephano. However nothing definite of late has been heard of their movements.

The S. E. storm of yesterday along last night. A large number of ex- ternoon. It was very mild with some many. rain across country last night.

> The "Sable I.," Capt. Jacob Kean, should get away this evening for

forcing slowly through the ice in a repulsed. N.W. direction.

Mr. Edward P. Dovle who suffers from an injury to his toe and who recently tried to enlist went to hospital vesterday for treatment, so that later he may be enabled to pass the medical examination. Such pluck and the border to the east of here enpatriotism deserve every commenda-trenched for the purpose of repelling

and E. Walsh. If the former team like aspect late to-day. wins they will win the medals, if they lose they must play off with British Mercantile the winners of the Walsh-Murphy

Dealers! One Moment!

HAVE the sole agency for Bear Brand Oil Clothing. The fish- compared with 12,119,891 at the end ermen who wore that brand last of 1913. summer will ask for it again. The material used is of the best, and the oiling is done by a new process. Bear Brand Oil Clothing will withstand an unusually great amount of chafing, and in every respect will be found A 1. Call to see me when in town, or let me send you a sample.

JOHN B. ORR. New Martin Bldg., St. John's. mar8, w, th, f

NOTICE

Council of Higher Education Nfld

THE Ballads of British History required for the Primary and Preliminary Grade Examinations can now be obtained from the booksellers at 4 cents each copy. A. WILSON,

Secretary.

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FOR SALE-2 Second Hand Return Tubular Boilers with Fittings; one 14 feet long, 5 feet diameter, and the other 16 feet long. 6 feet diameter. Both in good condition, only about one year in service. For further particulars write P. O. BOX 336, St. John's. -mar9.3i

Needle Hands. Good Wages and Steady Employment. Apply to BRITISH CLOTHING CO., Duckworth Street.—mar6

Churchill Promises to Spring Some **New Sensation**

London, March 10.-Colonel Churchill, whose return from the front in order to ginger up the provided the political sensation of the week, has not yet decided

what his next step will be He has obtained a few days extension of leave of absence from the front, which was up last night, and some further move is expect-Several outport men, who had been ed from him before the week end.

Russia Will Use Riva As a Naval Base

London, March 10.—Russia is making preparation to use the recently captured harbors of Riva as a naval base for an advance on Trebizond.

Preparing For War

MADRID, Mar. 10.-The Cabinet met to-day to consider the situation which might arise in case of a state he line of railway abated in the af-, of war between Portugal and Ger

From South Africa

LONDON, March 10.-An official Greenspond, whence she will clear concerning the operations on the Britfor the seal fishery. She signed most ish East, the African public to-night of her crew of 140 men, yesterday, says that the troops under command and the ship will take dories instead of Lieut. General Smuts advanced of the usual ponderous sealing punts. against the German forces in Kilimenjarop, on the northeastern bound-To-day Cape Ray telegraphed ary of the German east Africa area, Anglo-Supt. Hy. Saunders saying that on March 7th. General Smuts seized the wind is west and strong and the the crossings at Lumi River with incoast blocked with ice. Sealers Seal, significant loss. Several counter at-Diana, Viking, followed by Ranger are tacks by the enemy were successfully

Warlike Aspect On Mexican Border

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Mar. 10.-With United States troopers stationed along a possible night attack by Mexican bandits, other infantrymen entrain-Tonight at the C.C.C. Armoury there ing and moving eastward for guard will be an interesting hockey match duty along the New Mexico border, between teams captained by A. Lacey the situation here assumed a war-

Tonnage Shows An Increase

LONDON, Mar. 10.-The total net British mercantile tonnage registered at the end of 1915 was 12,413,408 tons

This statement was made in the Commons to-day by Reginald McKenna, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in

answer to a question on the subject. Are Ready to Welcome **Colonies to Council**

LONDON, Mar. 9.—An invitation to British Colonies to share in the Councils of the Empire, was extended today by Andrew Bonar Law, Colonial Secretary, at a luncheon given in honour of Premier Hughes of Australia. Mr. Law referred to the Premier's presence at a Cabinet meeting earlier in the day, and said there were no secrets to be held from the Australian Prime Minister. He declared that both the Government and the people were ready to welcome the Colonies to their Councils, and that he hoped, and believed, this war would result in an Empire, one in spirit and in action

OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST

FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

MARCH 9th., 1916 1604 Private Chesley Pafford. Black Marsh Road. Pheumonia, Lon-

1021 Private Douglas K. Snow, 50 Colonial Street. Seriously ill at the 18th Stationary Hospital; Suez,

March 7. 317 Armouror Sergeant George Josesph Winslow, 96 Circular Road. Seriously ill at the 18th Stationary Hospital; Suez, March

7th.

J. R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary.