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THE PIERCY CASE

DR. LLOYD yesterday made his first appearance in the Supreme Court before a Jury. He defended the prisoner Piercy, and the address on behalf of the prisoner was extremely able and effective. The Jury could not agree on a verdict and the prisoner.

Dr. Lloyd is fast building up a legal reputation and a practice and will before many months be the busiest lawyer in the city.

THE PATROL

IT IS the intention of the Government to place two steamers on the patrol this season—the Fogota and Fiona. If a patrol is necessary, three or four fast motor boats or two whaling ships ought to be more satisfactory as well as 1000 per cent. cheaper. The Government should consider that \$60,000 was spent on this service last year, which expenditure has caused a very considerable dissatisfaction amongst the taxpayers.

They should also note the protest published against the "Lornina" bounty, which was written by a gentleman whose opinion count for something, wherein he states that "he will no longer be the poor people's pence for patriotic purposes in view of the disgraceful manner in which money is being squandered and wasted for useless purposes."

Surely the Government don't expect the people to go on paying half they earn into the revenue, as is now being done, without serious objections from the taxpayers. If the war taxes are spent properly and good value obtained for all expenditure, the people will submit; but when they find a Member of the Crown receiving \$824 bounty on a vessel that everyone know would not have been paid to any builder or planter of a similar built like the "Lornina" it makes the poor man, whose cost of living under present taxation, is now a very serious matter, to pause, and consider.

Thousands have been collected for the Patriotic Fund from the poor people of this Colony, and they have given because they desired to assist and do their little bit to provide comforts for the dependents of our heroes on sea and land; but when they read of the manner in which the increased taxes are being squandered and given away to Government members and friends, they begin to see that some people would avail of the Empire's miseries to make themselves rich.

The Fogota cost \$300 per day last year, and the Colony had to pay for her war insurance and all fittings, for the wireless installation. They also find that a whaler which cost \$30 per day to operate was employed by the Government, hired from a member of the Government, at a cost of \$80

per day for 170 days; thus allowing the hirer of the whaler to secure profits amounting to \$8,500. The said whaler cost the hirer \$5,000, so he stood to make the purchase price of the steamer and pocket \$3,500 in addition by the transaction.

Is it any wonder the people are asking why they should be contributing their pence for the Patriotic Fund, in view of the manner in which the taxes they are paying under a war tariff, are being squandered. The whole patrol expenditure last year might have been covered by an expenditure of \$5,000, had a few suitable motor boats been engaged. The burden of taxation is enormous and the people are bending under its load. The cost of everything generally used has increased very considerably and the poor are groaning under the heavy load.

This year salt is selling at \$2.50, as against \$1.60 last year; molasses is 50c. per gallon, as against 33c. last year; sugar 9 1/4c. per lb., as against 9 1/2c. before the Government taxed it; pork is \$26. against \$22 last year, rope, paint, twine, boots, clothing and all fishing supplies has advanced from 25 to 40 per cent. during the past twelve months. The higher the values soar in the markets that supply our goods, the higher the taxation collected by the Customs. Every dollar advance in goods gives the Government a haul of Fifty Cents on a Dollar.

No effort is being made to curtail expenses. On every hand extravagance and waste is observable in connection with war expenditure as well as ordinary expenditure by the Government.

The Premier is en route to New York hoping to raise \$5,000,000, at 5 per cent., yet such a question as economy has not been mentioned by him or his party since the trouble of 1913 extravagance and waste forced higher taxation upon the Colony.

The figures we have published during the past two months in reference to public expenditure show that no proper effort has been made. We protest against two expensive steamers being employed on the patrol this season and suggest that if a patrol is necessary that suitable motor boats be employed and if such are not available, two whalers should be selected instead of the two more expensive steamers.

GLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS

MAY 20
CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS died, 1506.

Capt. Wm. Jackman born at Renew's, 1837.

Chief Justice Sir Hugh Hoyles sworn in, 1865.

Foundation stone Catholic Cathedral laid by Bishop Fleming, 1841.

Archibald Emerson admitted to Bar, 1865.

Robert J. Kent admitted to Bar, 1865.

Sir Frederick B. T. Carter first appointed Assistant Judge of the Supreme Court, 1865.

Richard Ralston and Daniel J. Greene admitted to Bar, 1872.

Thomas Allan, Theatre Hill, died, 1879.

James M. Donnelly, George H. Emerson and John J. Flannery admitted to Bar, 1877.

Sir Robert J. Pinsent appointed Judge, 1887.

Herbert E. Knight admitted to Bar, 1887.

Edmund Yates died, 1894.

William J. Meehan admitted to Bar, 1890.

Sch. Dove, belonging to S. March & Sons, Old Perlican, lost with 22 souls, 1871.

A boy named Samuel Whitten killed by falling over a cliff (200 feet high) at Torbay, 1895.

Darkness over the whole Island, owing to immense forest fires in Lower Canada, extending over 1,500 square miles of land, 1870.

Horatio A. Canning died in Canada, 1884.

Patrick Daily, shoemaker, died, aged 86, 1898.

MAY 21

James B. Sclater born in St. John's, 1854.

Steamship Ariel, first boat for coastal service, arrived, 1863.

Collection made in this town in aid of widows and orphans of brig. Huntsman, amounted to \$530, 1872.

John McCarthy, H.M.C., Carbonear, died, 1873.

Account reached town of the loss of the steamer Hawk, 1876.

Wm. Myler, violinist, died, 1879.

William M. Clapp and James J. Pittman admitted to Bar, 1888.

OUT OF THE SILENCE

—By JOHN D. WELLS—

AND what can you say when the day is done
And you've gone to your bed of rest?

When the shadows come and the light has gone
O'er the rim of the golden west.

And a silvery beam of the moon creeps in
As if in an aimless quest?

What do you say?
When a kindly voice that you seem to know

Out of the shadows speaks soft and low,
"Well, what did you do to-day?"

Oh, what can you say when you're all alone
With the Master of all the tasks?

How much of a sin do you have to own
When the voice of the Master asks—

How many things have you left undone
Your studied answer makes?

What do you say?
When out of the shadows of the silent night

The Master speaks with the Master's right:
"Well, what did you do to-day?"

Thrice blest is he of the humble way
Who sinks to his bed of rest—

The rest he earned with a toiling day
With love of his labor blest—

Who hears the voice of his Master ask and truthfully says
"My best!"

The man who can say
"I've trod the way of my best friend,
I've helped a friend and I've made a friend."

To "What did you do to-day?"

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Union Men Show Patriotic Spirit

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—Will you please allow me space in your highly esteemed paper to say a few words.

While looking through the columns of your paper I find something from nearly every place except here, so I thought I would try and write a few words to let you know that we are alive and are having good Union meetings this winter.

We are trying to do all we can to build up the Union and to make it a success. We are also doing our best for our boys that are fighting for our liberty. May God inspire them to do right, and may God save the King.

We have collected twenty-one dollars for the St. John Ambulance Association, Newfoundland beds, of which you will find enclosed the list of the donors, and you would oblige me by publishing the same.

Thanking you in anticipation, Mr. Editor,

Yours truly,
C. W. M.

Port Anson, May 3rd., 1916.

Progress, L.O.L., No. 137 \$10.00

Edmund Morey 1.00

Matthew Burton 1.00

Henry Bowtell 50

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Wallas G. Mabry 50

George Rowell 50

Elisha Huggins 50

Ernest Wellman 50

George Wellman 50

Pearce Wellman 50

George Hillier 50

Phyman Hewlett 50

Mrs. J. Burton 50

Esau Hewlett 50

John Martin 50

Elias Wellman 50

Martin Hekey 50

Joseph Rowsell 50

Obituary

"He's a queer old man."
"So?"

"Yes, he's over 90 and has no particular hobby to which he attributes his long life."

H.M.S. Cordelia arrived first time, 1896.

John Power burnt to death in Summers' stable, near T. Summers' premises, Water St., 1882.

Walter Dalton, farmer, died, 1882.

B.I.S. passed resolutions condemning Phoenix Park murders, 1882.

Wm. Holden, Hr. Main, died, aged 80; he was the father of twenty-six children, 1889.

James Vey, photographer, married, 1889.

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WORLD'S PRESS

FLAG TREATMENT

Washington Herald—The copy-right division of the Library of Congress is reported to be up in arms against a pro-German official who it is alleged applauded the destruction of the Louisiana and called President Wilson a traitor. The librarian has undertaken an investigation, but it would appear to be unnecessary, since the employes of the division have the situation well in hand. They are giving the alleged offender the American flag treatment, and he cannot turn his eyes so that they escape a view of Old Glory. If he is guilty of the offense charged, he will very soon either salute the flag or run.

A MOST UNCANDID GERMANY

New York Globe—In the diplomatic exchanges immediately preceding the war and since the German foreign office has pursued a course most uncandid. By omission and misrepresentation attempts have been made to create false impressions. The German people have been steadily deceived and the attempt has been made to deceive the outside world. The German people will yet wake up to the facts and ask grimly for an accounting. They will some time realize that there is good reason for the world being against them—something that they now profess inability to understand.

IRELAND'S NATIONAL COLOR

Christian Science Monitor, Boston, Mass.—The question raised in the London press, recently, as to what is really the national color of Ireland, does not admit of debate, at any rate from an historical point of view. The national color is of course blue and not green. The adoption of the "immortal green" dates, it is generally supposed, from the rebellion of '98. At that time Ulster Orangemen made "common cause with the Irish nationalists of the south, and a green flag was chosen as their ensign because green was the color produced by the blending of orange and blue. The national flag, too, of Ireland is not the green flag with an Irish harp in the center, but the white flag showing the red saltire of St. Patrick.

INTERNATIONAL LAW

London Times—The arrangements for the exchange of incapacitated military prisoners are working badly. Difficulties of transport are partly the reason, but we owe most of the trouble to the stipulations of the Germans, who insist on an exchange of man for man and reckon men by their military rank. This, of course, is sheer violation of international law. The Geneva convention of 1864 expressly lays it down that prisoners "who are recognized, after their wounds are healed, as incapable of serving shall be sent back to their country." The Hague conference of 1899, to which both Great Britain and Germany were signatories, provided in its 21st article that "the obligations of belligerents with regard to the sick and wounded are governed by the Geneva convention of the 22nd August, 1864." It is typical of the Germans that they insist on treating as the subject of a bargain an obligation imposed on belligerents by the barest dictates of humanity.

REDMOND'S SERVICE

Springfield Republican—The surrender of the leader of the Irish rebels comes almost a week after their organized revolt and right there is the melancholy end of the futile and foolhardy uprising. The ultimate political efforts of this chapter of the war cannot now be estimated but undoubtedly they will be notable in some way for years to come. The feeling among the more conservative Irish, that is, among the mass who have followed Mr. Redmond so loyally, is for the time being tragic in its despair, for they fear the bitter resentment of the sister kingdoms when the war in Europe is ended and normal political life in the United Kingdom is resumed. But this feeling is probably too strong. Mr. Redmond's splendid loyalty in the present crisis will be of incalculable value to Ireland in the future. Had he wavered, Ireland's loss would have been beyond measure.

It is likely that the bankers fishing at Quero for the past few weeks will return shortly to Bonne Bay and the Magdalenas for herring bait. The schooners which recently arrived at North Sydney report for good catches and fish plentiful.

CHURCH SERVICES

Cathedral of St. John the Baptist—Holy Communion every Sunday at 8 a.m.; also on the first Sunday of the month at 7 and 11 (choral). Other Services at 11 a.m. (first Sunday at 10 a.m.), and at 6.30 a.m.

St. Michael's Mission Church (Casey Street)—Holy Communion at 8 and 11 on the 3rd Sunday of the month; and at 8 on other Sundays. Other Services, 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

St. Thomas's—Sunday, May 21st: Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Morning Prayer, 10 a.m.; Intercession Service, 11 a.m.; Preacher: The Rector; subject: "When a Man Prays." Evensong, 6.30; Preacher, The Rev. Canon Colley, R.D.

Christ Church, Quidi Vidi—Holy Communion, second Sunday at 8 a.m. Evening Prayer, third Sunday in each month at 7 p.m. Every other Sunday at 3.30 p.m.

Virginia School Chapel—Evening Prayer every Sunday at 3.30 p.m.

St. Mary the Virgin, St. John's West—Holy Communion on the first Sunday in each month at noon; every other Sunday at 8 a.m. Other Services at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

METHODIST.
Gower St.—11, Rev. C. A. Whitmarsh; 6.30, Rev. D. B. Hemmeon.
George St.—11, Rev. D. B. Hemmeon; 6.30, Rev. N. M. Guy.
Cochrane St.—11, Rev. H. Royle; 6.30, Rev. C. A. Whitmarsh.
Wesley—11, Rev. N. M. Guy; 6.30, Rev. H. Royle.

Presbyterian—11 and 6.30, Rev. J. S. Sutherland.

Congregational—11 and 6.30, Rev. W. H. Thomas.

S. A. Citadel (New Gower Street)—Sunday Services; 7.30 a.m., Prayer Meeting; 11.30 a.m., Holiness Meeting; 2.30 p.m., Salvation Meeting; 7.30 p.m., Revival Meeting. Capt. Cave, from U.S.A. will be with us all day. Weekly Meetings: Monday, Cadets; Tuesday, Public Meeting; Wednesday, Soldiers; Thursday, Special Girl Guard and Boy Scouts Meeting. Adjt. and Mrs. Brace, commanding.

ST. THOMAS'S—At 3 in the afternoon the Order of the Sons of England will attend St. Thomas's. The Rector will preach on "Looking at Religion through the Eyes of the War."

WESLEY—At Wesley on Sunday evening the Pastor will deal with the question, "Do young men benefit by going to church; and, if so, how?" The young men of the city are especially invited, and anybody and everybody will be made welcome.

ADVENTIST—Subject: "Flesh and Blood of Christ." All welcome. Evangelist, D. J. C. Barrett.

BIBLE CLASSES.
GEORGE ST. A.R.C.—To-morrow afternoon at 2.30 the Class is holding a Patriotic Service in the Church, to which all are cordially invited. Mr. J. W. Withers will deliver an address suitable to the occasion, and a treat is in store for those who attend. Mr. Trapnell will render a solo, and Mr. G. W. Rabbits will give a patriotic recitation. The collection will be devoted to the Red Cross Fund, and it is hoped the members and friends of the Class will attend in large numbers to help this worthy

THE JURY DISAGREED

The case of the King vs. Francis Pearcey for arson was up for trial in the Supreme Court yesterday before the Chief Justice and the following special jury:—Hon. King, Alfred McNamara, Robt. King, Albert Falcner, Geo. Cook, Wm. Kenay, Frank Connors, Andrew Murray, Geo. Jeans, Wm. O'Dea, Ernest Spry and J. H. Farrell. Mr. W. J. Higgins appeared for the Crown and Dr. W. F. Lloyd defended the accused. The jury, after about an hour's deliberation returned into Court, reporting that they had failed to find a verdict.

ANOTHER MAN KILLED ON THE RAILWAY

Yesterday afternoon another fatal accident occurred on the railway, in the Heart's Content line. The victim in this instance was a man named John Northover of New Perlican. As far as we can learn he was at work on a ballast car and while it was in motion he fell off the front part and rear wheels crushed him almost instantly. The body was brought in here by last night's train, was coffined by undertaker Carnell and was brought to the Morgue this morning to be sent home for interment by this evening's train.

object. Volunteers and outport men will receive a special welcome. Entrance by side door, off Buchanan St.

WESLEY—To-morrow afternoon at 2.45 the Hon. J. Alex. Robinson will address the members of Wesley Bible Class, on "Empire Day." Visitors will receive a hearty welcome.

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