

A Plea for Fair Play

Impounder Dessart, according to a correspondent a few days ago, was pretty shabbily treated by the Civic Commission when allotting its bonuses and increases of salary last week.

Baker is a man who for 15 years has given good faithful service to the city yet he was singled out to be the only one to be denied the raise given to others. Many knowing of the fact asked the reason why, but there is no answer.

Nothing can be said against Baker's character or ability. Then why discriminate against him? It is said that if some of the amateur civic directors had their way Baker would get the treatment attempted to be meted out to poor Armstrong.

How anxiously the people are looking forward to the day when they can elect members to represent the taxpayer, not a snobocracy who are possessed of ideals and aims altogether foreign to the aspirations of a democratic people in a democratic age.

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MAY NOT BE ON "APPAM"

Ambrose Perks of this city who was supposed to be on the "Appam" may not after all be on the ship on this eventful trip from West Africa.

Mrs. Perks will to-day enquire from the naval authorities of her son if he was on the "Appam". Young Perks, though only a lad of 15, joined the 1st Nfld. Contingent and was under canvas at Pleasantville but owing to his youth would not be allowed to go forward.

14 BELOW ZERO.

Saturday last was the coldest day for the winter at Port aux Basques and neighborhood, the thermometer dropping to 14 below zero. Sunday the worst blizzard for the season raged here and the express on pulling out for here could no further than the round house.

NAVAL RESERVISTS HERE

Naval Reservists Jerrett, Sinnor, Tapper of St. John's and Hollett of Burin arrived here by the express yesterday. Hollett and Jerrett have each 10 weeks' leave and the others have put in their year's service.

SHIPPING

The schr. "Emily Anderson" is loading codfish at the Maroe Export Co. Ltd for Brazil.

The schr. "Novelty" left New York Monday week for this port, with a full cargo of gasoline for Geo. M. Barr.

After discharging her coal cargo the schooner "Annie L. Warren" will be loaded by the Monroe Export Co. for Brazil.

The schr. "Success" Capt. Churchill, sailed yesterday for Bahia with 3810 qts fish shipped by James Baird Ltd.

Mr. Stanley Cornick, who has been some years at Harvey & Co's left by the S.S. Stephano for New Glasgow where he takes a position as engineer in a large establishment.

The S.S. Neptune will sail for Sydney to-morrow, Thursday, and will get there her own supply of coal for the sealfishery. On returning she will be made ready to go in quest of the harps and hoods.

SENT TO ASYLUM.

A woman of the West End who has been acting strangely of late was possessed of peculiar hallucinations, was brought to the Police Station last night. Supt. Grimes summoned a doctor, who on examination pronounced her insane and sent her to the Lunatic Asylum.

STREETS IN BAD STATE

After the rain and thaw of the past few days the city streets, especially the steeper ones, are impassable and people go over them at great risk.

Yesterday afternoon the detectives were busy on the Jackman & Greene burglary and the attempt at the Martin Hardware Co. They brought some parties from the higher levels who were examined but allowed to go after a while.

"FOGOTA" GOES TO SEALFISHERY

The S.S. Susu which had been on the dry dock for an overhaul and repairs came off the dock yesterday and the Fogota goes on to-day for similar attention. The Fogota will go to the sealfishery this year and it is said Capt. Jesse Winsor will command the ship on the Fogo service, went on the S. S. "Lady Sybil" as chief officer.

LOYAL COMRADES

A number of the comrades and friends of the young man LeGrow who got into trouble last week at Knowling's, yesterday came together and put up the \$150.00 which he was fined. In the afternoon a well known confectioneer of Water Street West, also a friend and who liberally subscribed, went down to the penitentiary, having been deputed by the others, put down the cash and drove the man to his home on Spencer St. He could not express the gratitude he felt when informed that his friends had been so true to him.

KLARK-URBAN COMPANY

In the reproduction of "So Much for So Much" the Klark-Urban Company last night drew a crowded audience to the Casino theatre. Each of the actors handled his or her role perfectly and the audience fully enjoyed play, applause being frequent and hearty.

DEATH

BARRON—At Femeuse on Thursday, the 27th ult., Mrs. Ann Barron. The deceased was a native of St. John's.—R.I.P.

Domestic Science At Litledale

Another forward step has been taken by Litledale Academy in the establishment of a Domestic Science class which was opened about a week ago. Miss Ethel Dickinson has charge of the class and visits the institution once a week. The cooking school is on the same floor as the academy kitchen, which is a great advantage in that, the ranges, utensils etc., used in the latter can be readily availed of if needed.

Te Rev. Mother and staff of the Academy were present at the opening and Dr. Burke, Supt. of Catholic Schools, introduced Miss Dickinson whose work as student and teacher he highly praised. Miss Dickinson is, we understand the first local lady to qualify as a Domestic Science teacher, and there is little doubt but her efforts will be crowned with success.

SUSPECTS APPREHENDED

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THE KYLE'S PASSENGERS.

The Kyle arrived at Port aux Basque at 7 a.m. to-day, bringing G. and Mrs. Scott, W. E. Bishop, C. Garland, G. Gillis, Rev. W. C. Young, G. A. Hiffer, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McKay, and four children; J. G. Hagen, G. H. Ritchey, Mrs. J. Billard, W. Haddon, Mr. Soclove, Jas. Stevens and Geo. Stevens.

VETERAN AGAIN ACTIVE

Mr. Win. Ring, the veteran musician, who for 54 years played with Bennett's and other bands here is again this season playing with the Terra Nova Band in the Parade Rink.

HOUSE DESTROYED BY FIRE

The Minister Justice last night had a message from Hillview, T.B., stating that the residence of Eleazar Gouge of Queen's Cove, Random, T.B., had been destroyed by fire on the 30th of January. All its contents were also destroyed with \$200 in cash, held in the house. The property was not insured and the loss to the owner is fully \$1000.

OBITUARY

MRS ANN BARRON. The death occurred on Thursday last, at Femeuse, of Mrs. Ann Barron. The deceased succumbed to an illness of short duration and her death will be learned with regret by a large number of friends in the City. Her son, Mr. James Barron, the well known machinist and sales agent of St. John's predeceased Mrs. Barron by over 12 months. To the sorrowing relatives The Mail and Advocate extends its condolence.

OUR THEATRES

THE NICKEL. A grand programme has been arranged for the holiday to-day at the Nickel theatre, and it is sure to attract large audiences. "The Exploits of Elaine" will be continued and "The Blood Crystals" shown. As all are aware this is the most thrilling serial yet made.

THE CRESCENT. If you want a good laugh see "Sweedies Hero," the great Sweedie comedy that the Crescent Picture Palace is showing to-day, Wallace Beery does some funny stunts in this farce. "The Ship's Sister" is a fine Lubin war drama. "The Americano" is a romance of old California, produced in two reels by the Biograph Company.

OVER NINETY DAYS OUT. Though no grave fears are entertained for the safety of the barqtn. "Lake Simcoe," she should soon be showing up here. She is now over 90 days out from Alicante and was not reported at the Rock, though she might have passed there at night.

MR. HARRY FORWARD ILL

Mr. Harry A. Forward of St. John's who has been many years living in Brooklyn, New York, has been very ill for some time past. Harry has been a travelling salesman for the Cuhby Packing Co., Brooklyn, for over 20 years, and the territory covered by him includes the Maritime Provinces and his native country and city. He visits here every summer, and being a favorite does much business. We hope soon to hear of Mr. Forward's complete recovery.

MR. M. W. FURLONG'S CONDITION.

The Montreal Gazette of Thursday last, in referring to the condition of Mr. M. W. Furlong, K.C., of this city, prints the following:—"Mr. M. W. Furlong, clerk of the Newfoundland Assembly and chief solicitor and director of the Reid-Newfoundland Railway, who has been at the Ritz-Carlton for the past few days, was removed to the Royal Victoria Hospital last evening, where an operation will probably be necessary. Dr. Martin is in attendance, and the case is pronounced grave, but not hopeless, at a late hour last evening. Mrs. Furlong and her daughter are at the Ritz."

WHY NOT GET HER TO GO TO SYDNEY

The S.S. "Norig" should be here by the 15th inst. Could it not be arranged with the shippers to have the steamer run to Sydney for a cargo of coal? She takes 6000 casks and would bring down a good supply of "black diamonds." It would not delay the ship much to do this and would mean much to the people of St. John's.

Never let your energy leak away, little drops at a time.

KING ALBERT STANDS OR FALLS BY THE ALLIES

Rumor of Sperate Peace is Another German "Feeler"

LONDON, Jan. 25.—The report printed in the New York American that the German Government is considering the voluntary evacuation of Belgium if the Belgians conclude a separate peace is taken here with several grains of salt.

In the first place, it can be asserted authoritatively that if such a plan really has received consideration from the German Government no steps of any kind have been taken to place it before either King Albert's Government or any of the Entente Powers.

King Albert's heroic resolution, according to persons who have seen him recently, is as strong as ever, and his sentiments are shared to the full by his Government at Havre. That the American obtained its information from a "high German source" is not doubted there, for suggestions that Belgium would find it profitable to negotiate for a separate peace have been published recently in inspired German papers.

Germany's persistent efforts to weaken the Entente by detaching one or another of the great powers have been unsuccessful. That she should extend her endeavors to suffering little Belgium would cause no surprise, but the fact that after a year and a half of war she has not progressed in this direction beyond the stage of newspaper balloons d'essai is taken as incontrovertible evidence of Germany's realization that overtures to King Albert's Government would meet no success.

WHY SOCIALISM BACKED DOWN

Suppose the German Socialists had decided to oppose the war. Just imagine the situation. Somewhere in a dreary hall a number of Socialists meet, and after much rhetoric of a purely theoretical kind and the smoking of many cheap cigars they vow to obey their reason rather than their feelings and refuse to fight. Is it all clear to you, the smell of beer and bad tobacco, the forlorn bleakness of it all?

And then think of what will happen the moment the imperial brass band and a battalion of soldiers come marching by. That excellent gathering of enlightened humanity will follow that band to hell provided it keeps on playing popular airs. Against the old-age traditions—traditions of valor and courage and honor and love for the colors of the fatherland and devotion to the ideals of empire—all the doctrines of the sublime Marx are effaced. These men assembled to uphold reason are at once swept away by some mysterious force which is much stronger than reason. They fall victims to the traditions of countless generations.

Of course, after a while, reason will return; then, however, it is too late. The citizen has become a soldier, and, loyalty, that commonest of virtues in the world of simple-minded people, forces him to stick to the cause to which he once gave his support. He must stick it out until victory or defeat brings about peace.—Hendrik Willem van Loon, in the February Century.

Those who start life on porridge, may end on chicken. Those who start life on chicken, many end on porridge.

LOCAL ITEMS

LEAGUE HOCKEY—To-night, St. Bon's vs. Victorias. Game starts at 7.30 sharp.

A boy of 6½ years, ill of diphtheria, was sent to Hospital yesterday from Barnes Road.

Capt. Tavernor, of the Meigle has been given charge of the Sagona and Capt. Parsons of the latter ship has been transferred to the Meigle.

The annual distribution of Sunday School prizes will take place this evening at St. Mary's parish hall, South Side.

Yesterday the Board of Trade had a message from Lind & Conto, of Oporto saying the market is overstocked. Exchange is 33½d.

The Victorias and St. Bon's teams will meet in the League Hockey match to-night and a fine game is expected. There will be a change in the line-up of St. Bon's.

Private J. Long and two others of the Newfoundland Regiment who had been wounded or ill, returned by the express yesterday. A couple of Naval Reserve men also came along.

Yesterday evening two drunks engaged in a free fight on Water St. near Waldegrave Street, and when the police arrived blood was flying. One of them was arrested and after a struggle removed to the Station. A half hour afterwards the other was caught and placed in the cells.

Rev. Edgar Jones, Ph. D., will lecture to the members of Wesley Bible Class to-night at 8 o'clock in the church basement. Subject: "The Business of Being a Man." A hearty invitation is extended to all the members of the City Bible Classes. A collection will be taken up.

The funeral of the late Patrick Leonard, who died suddenly in the R. C. Cathedral Sunday last, took place yesterday afternoon and was largely attended. At the Cathedral the final absolution was given by Rev. Dr. Greene, Mr. J. T. Martin was undertaker and interment was at Belvedere cemetery.

OUR VOLUNTEERS.

The Volunteers had drill in the Armoury yesterday and had rifle practice in the Highlanders' Armoury. A number of the men are preparing for the non-com. exams.

The S.S. Nevada will finish discharging to-morrow and will likely go to Sydney again for another coal cargo for the Reid-Nfld. Co.

Fishermen Strike Now Ended

The strike of 108 fishermen employed by the Bay State Fishing Company, which has, for the past few months, been one of the main causes for the high price of fish, was called off at a special meeting of the strikers at the headquarters on Lewis street yesterday afternoon, following a conference at the office of the State Board of Conciliation and Arbitration at the State House.

Of the 108 who started the strike, only 29 are left in this city. According to the agreement, 19 of these men will return to their boats to-day, and the other 10 will be placed at work within a short time.—Boston Globe.

Seeks Refuge in Spanish Guinea

PARIS, Jan. 29.—A despatch from Madrid last night said that official announcement had been made there to the effect that German troops in the Cameroons, retreating before the victorious British forces, had crossed the border into Spanish Guinea, where they were to be interned.

A later message from the Madrid correspondent of the Havas Agency said that the Spanish Ministers of War and Marine, on being questioned concerning the announcement, declared they had received no news that German troops had actually penetrated Spanish territory. In any event, they said, British troops would not pursue them across the border.

Spain contains more than 11,500,000 acres of unproductive land.

Liberty of Press To Be Safeguarded

But There Will be No Change in the French Censorship—Act of Disarmament and Liberty and Victory Would be Dead—Declares Premier Briand

PARIS, Jan. 30.—Premier Briand on making an impassioned speech in the Chamber of Deputies to-day in defence of the censorship by the French Government, said:

"To infringe the liberty of the press is not in the mind of any one concerned in the honor and future of this Administration and there is no country more worthy of the truth than ours, for there is not one nobler or calmer in these tragic circumstances. The fact that the country has remained calm after eighteen months of war indicates that the censorship has not been so bad. I have given the most precise instructions that the liberty of the press shall be safeguarded. In reality there is no censorship. There is supervision resulting from a verbal agreement between the Government and the press.

"If the bill under discussion is passed, it will have legal existence and it will be necessary to indicate to the Government the means of applying it." Premier Briand then said that if the censorship was not wanted he would suppress it, but martial law allowed him to act freely and with entire liberty, adding:

"As chief of the Government I will never permit a new censorship law to demoralize the combatants by regrettable articles which could reach the trenches. That would be an act of disarmament, and liberty and victory would be dead."

The entire Chamber and galleries applauded the Premier.

Expert French butter tasters assert they can perceive the flavor or the soil over which cattle feed.

RESULT OF BEAR BRAND COMPETITION

The prizes offered to clerks who would sell the largest quantity of BEAR BRAND PATENT PROCESS and RED and WHITE BOOTS during the 1915 season have been awarded as follows:—

- 1st Prize—\$20.00 Miss C. M. Harding, Marystown. 2nd Prize—\$15.00 Mr. Albert Vatcher, Burgeo. 3rd Prize—\$10.00 Mr. S. W. Miffen, Catalina. 4th and 5th Prizes—\$5.00 Each Mr. J. F. Hyde, Lamaline. Mr. John Abbott, St. George's. CLEVELAND RUBBER CO., jan18,21,w&s,tf St. John's.

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