



Evening Telegram

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A Make-Shift.

It is generally admitted on all sides that the new Executive of Hon. R. A. Squires, sworn in on Monday, is but a make-shift, and appointed merely to assume control of the Government. As a make-shift, it will, of course, suit the ideas of the party following, but that it meets with the full approval of the electorate supporting the Liberal Reform Party is debatable. Nor does it, so far as the North is concerned, receive the full approbation of the Fishermen's Protective Union, the organization under Mr. Coaker, which gave Mr. Squires the Government. In fact the F.P.U. have been treated very cavalierly, and the signs indicate a disturbance in that body which will not easily be quelled.

A solid North gave (with the inclusion of St. Barbe) eleven seats in the House of Assembly earmarked for the Fishermen's Protective Union. That number is all but one-third of the total Assembly membership, and to be proportionately represented in the Government, the North should have had one-half of the Administrative machinery. Yet when the division was made Mr. Squires appropriated eight seats and pawned Mr. Coaker off with three. And the joke of it all is that the redoubtable President stands for the shake-down. The F.P.U. gets two seats in the Executive and Mr. Jennings, member for Twillingate, is given the Public Works Department, as a sop. Mr. Squires corrals four departmental offices and seven seats in the Executive as his factions share of the spoils, and in addition gives W. H. Cave, member for Bay de Verde the portfolio of Shipping.

The Agriculture and Mines Department is going a-begging. No one cares to take it, the portfolio being looked upon as a political hoodoo. Mr. Squires, with that modesty which so becomes him, has grabbed the big plum and holds down two offices, those of Prime Minister and Colonial Secretary, thus drawing a dual salary. Mr. Warren gets the Justice Department, and Mr. Brownrigg falls into the chair of Finance and Customs. The F.P.U. members have to be satisfied with Mr. Coaker as Minister (Acting) of Marine and Fisheries, while Mr. Halfyard, who ably performed the duties of Colonial Secretary, during the eighteen months' existence of the National Government, has to be content with anything that may be offered him, and is only recognized as one of the rank and file, though the Advocate and Morning Post have marked him down as head of the new department of the Post Office, with Mr. Barnes, to become Minister of the-to-be, newly created department of Education.

Thus, taking it all in all the F.P.U. organization appears to have come out at the small end of the horn, and the people are astonished over the fact that Mr. Coaker has, so far, regis-

tered no protest, but is apparently satisfied with the whole arrangement. Usually a calm occurs before a storm, and there is no doubt that the present make-shift Executive will not long weather the political gale which the popular barometer indicates is at hand. The storm signals are up. Again, Mr. Squires, in the formation of his Government, has not given fair representation to the larger denominational bodies. Taking the eleven men who hold portfolios and seats in the Executive, it will be found that there are three Anglicans, three Roman Catholics, three Methodists and two Salvation Army. Adding the two new departments of the Post Office and Education, the former, according to the Advocate and Post, will have a Methodist, and the latter an Anglican head. In order to square matters denominationally, the Agriculture and Mines Department will have to go to a Catholic, and as Mr. Brownrigg is already Minister of Finance and Customs, and Mr. MacDonnell has refused the department, it is difficult to see where Mr. Squires is going to find an incumbent for that department. The perplexity of Mr. Squires' position will increase as time goes on. Meanwhile with all the departmental heads acting, there is not the least fear of any of them having the courage to face their districts for re-election.

Short of Coal.

The delay in the arrival of the St. Barbe, which was expected to arrive at St. John's by recent advice, has caused the collecting steamer Strathcona to be held up at Port Saunders for want of coal. The ship could not transfer a sufficient quantity to the bunkers of the Strathcona, because Capt. English felt that to do so would shorten his own steaming supply for the Straits trip. Arrangements are now being made to have motor boats from Bonne Bay take along enough to bring the Strathcona to that port, the flotilla starting today. Should the small craft get through all right, it is possible that the count will begin to-morrow.

Installation of S. A. Chancellor.

To-night at the Adelaide Street Salvation Army Citadel, Lieut.-Col. Smoot, who is on a visit from Toronto, will perform an interesting ceremony, when he will install Commandant Thompson as chancellor to assist Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Adhy in the good work of the army in Newfoundland.

St. Mary's Hall Concert.

To-night a concert, the proceeds of which will be devoted to Sunday School purposes, will be held at St. Mary's Hall, South Side. Teas will be served and refreshments will be on sale. The committee in charge have made every preparation for the entertainment of those attending.

Lady School Inspector.

Miss Eliza Collins of Placentia has been appointed R. C. School Inspector for the Diocese of St. George's. Miss Collins is the first lady to fill the position of school inspector in Newfoundland, and her work will be watched with interest by educationalists. Congratulations.

Derelict Uprighted.

The derelict schooner, Faustina, has been successfully uprighted, and pumping her out is progressing satisfactorily, according to word received last evening from Bay Bulls.

Thanksgiving Sermons.

Rev. Dr. Jones will preach the Thanksgiving sermon at St. Thomas's on Sunday morning. At the evening service His Lordship the Bishop will preach.

Proposed Fleet of Trawlers Cause Uneasiness.

It is said that a fleet of 300 or more French steam trawlers will operate next season on the Grand Banks. Whether so many trawlers operating will have an effect on the shore fishery of the south west coast, is giving some concern to those who are engaged in this latter industry.

When you want something in a hurry for tea, go to ELLIS—Head Cheese, Ox Tongue, Boiled Ham, Cooked Corned Beef, Bologna Sausage.

The First Break-Away.

Member for St. George's Repudiates the Squires-Coaker Government--Breach of Faith Causes Rupture.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—I enclose you a copy of a letter of mine to Hon. R. A. Squires, and would be glad if you would publish same.

Yours truly,

JAMES R. MACDONNELL,
St. John's, Nfld. Nov. 18, 1919.

St. John's, N.F.,

18 November, 1919.

Hon. R. A. Squires,
Prime Minister,
City.

Dear Sir,—As a consequence of our interview yesterday, I write you that my position with you may be perfectly clear.

Throughout my campaign in the District of St. George's, I told the electors on every possible occasion that I trusted no Party; that to me every Political Party was guilty until it was proved innocent.

I also told them that I had a belief in you, a belief that you would give the District of St. George's through me that consideration which is its due; and also if at any time I considered that anything was being done by you and your party which did not, in my opinion, seem square to the District of St. George's, that I would leave your party.

The first test has come. The Cabinet in this country is constituted on denominational lines. There was but one Catholic District in this country that returned a supporter of your party, that District was St. George's.

In forming your Executive you took a defeated candidate

from St. John's West, and man from St. John's East who did not even go into the fight, and you leave out the District that stood by you.

You were kind enough to offer me the Department of Agriculture and Mines without a seat in the Executive. As far as I am personally concerned that was a good offer. It is good enough for me personally, but it is not good enough for the District of St. George's. As I see it, and as the people of St. George's will see it, it is a continuation of the old story of domination by St. John's.

The future of this country lies in the West, and the people of the West know it. It is going to be a hard fight to secure recognition of this fact, and I am prepared to make that fight and I believe that the people of the District of St. George's will support me in doing so.

It is too big a question to be decided or influenced by personal likes or dislikes. As I see it there is a principle involved, and by that principle I am prepared to stand or fall. If I am to be logical, if I am to be consistent in this line of action which I have adopted, there is but one thing to do and this, here and now, to sever my connection with your Party. This I do.

In justice to you, to myself, and to my District, I am sending copies of this letter to the daily press.

Yours sincerely,
JAMES R. MACDONNELL.

N. C. O. Elected.

A meeting of the N.C.O.'s Mess of the Newfoundland Highlanders was held last night at the Armoury, King's Road, when the officers for the ensuing year were elected. The results were:

B. S. M. Coesfield—President.
Pipe-Major Morris—Vice-President.
Corp. Horwood—Secretary.
Sgt. Pushue—Treasurer.

A dance and sports committee was appointed, Sgt. Instructor Spry being elected chairman. This committee will attend to the organizing of dances, etc., to be held throughout the winter. The first general meeting will be held on the night of the first Tuesday in December. Sgt.-Major W. G. Coysah, S.M. was delegated to arrange for speakers on that night.

Constabulary Transfers.

Sergeant Cox has been transferred from Bell Island to Carbonear, and Constable E. Sheppard has been placed in charge of the latter station, leaving for the Island yesterday. Congratulations to both officers on their well merited promotions.

Keep FRIDAY free for the Thursday Wanderers' Sale in the Presbyterian Hall at 3.30. Jams, Pickles and Mince meat a specialty. Fancy Work and Xmas gifts from fifty cents up. Come and have Tea and help Jensen Camp. Admission 10 cents.—Nov 19, 21

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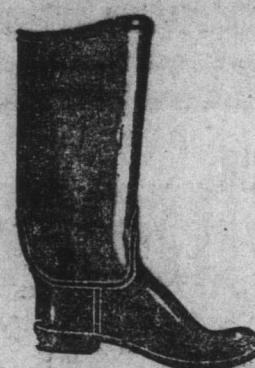
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"Devil of Verdun."

Death of Crown Prince's Aged War Mentor.

The death is announced at the age of 85 of Field-Marshal Count Gottlieb von Haeseler, who, fighting in the Great War when he was over 80 years of age, was called in France "the devil of Verdun." He was the real inspiration of the attacks on the famous fortress, a French writer in February, 1916, said: "The Kaiser did not permit the Crown Prince to attack until this 'venerable ruin' (von Haeseler) consented." Von Haeseler was considered in Germany a symbol of righteousness and of the French. He carried to his grave the scars of wounds received in the war of 1870. In his later years his chief nourishment was a bowl of milk a day. His facial appearance, when he came to the eighties, did not at all betray his wicked hate of the French; it was, on the contrary, an exact counterpart of that of the great Gladiators at the same age—the grey hair over the ears being dressed in the same way as the Grand Old Man's.

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To-day's Messages.

COAL SITUATION SERIOUS.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18. The Government stepped to the front to-day to force miners and operators to negotiate a new wage agreement and resume work in the numerous fields before the country in the grip of a coal famine. Cloth with all of his war time powers as Fuel Administrator, and acting by special authority of the President and Cabinet, Dr. Harry A. Garfield called a joint meeting of scale committees, which he was expected to give formal notice that the time had come to resume mining operations on a normal scale. There was no evidence as presented to the Cabinet that the scale committees called here last week to negotiate a new wage agreement had made the least headway. Reports from the central competitive fields, embracing the States of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Western Pennsylvania, the strongholds of the United Mine Workers of America, showed all lines shut down, and not enough coal coming from non-union plants in other States to meet the normal demand by several million tons. Other reports from widely separated sections brought the same story of a rapidly vanishing coal supply, with indications that hundreds of industrial plants would be forced to close shortly, unless coal production was put back at normal. In the view of many officials the situation was critical enough to demand drastic action.

TREATY FORMALLY REPORTED.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18. At nine o'clock to-night, after the Senate had been in continuous session for eleven hours, consideration of amendments in committee of the whole was completed, and the German Peace Treaty was formally reported to the Senate. The question of approving the fifteen reservations adopted in committee of the whole was then taken up, each reservation being considered separately.

NEW YORK'S GREETING.

NEW YORK, N.Y., Nov. 18. In the friendly eager crowd, which lined the streets of New York to-day for miles, to greet the Prince of Wales, there must have been several millions of souls, showing in a characteristic American fashion their cordiality towards the British throne. From the sidewalks a million cheers went up in the course of the long drive, while at every window along the route, people hung out to add their note of welcome, throw confetti and wave flags. The Prince's visit to Washington was without demonstration from any but official circles and remained for New York to show the Prince how highly Britain and the British reigning house is held in the esteem of the American people.

MAKING PROGRESS.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Nov. 18. A compromise, to rescue the Peace Treaty from a threatened deadlock, made such progress to-day that its friends declared it had more than an even chance for life. So far as it had taken definite form to-night, the compromise program called for a final vote Thursday and pointed towards acceptance of the reservations of the Foreign Relations Committee, without the requirements that they must be presented affirmatively by the other powers. The way to compromise was opened by the group of mild reserves.

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