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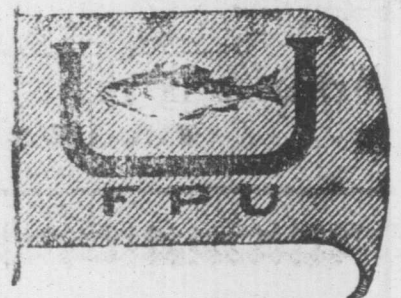
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OUR POINT OF VIEW

The New Purchase.

THE business men were surprised over our announcement of Thursday concerning the purchase by the Trading Co. of the extensive business premises of Messrs. Earle Sons & Co. at Joe Batt's Arm. It surprised them because they had been hoping that the war situation and consequent dislocation of trade would embarrass the Trading Co. and thus destroy the Union and Coaker's influence.

They will find that the F.P.U. and the Trading Co. are too well established now to notice what Water Street says or does. The Union men are jubilant over the purchasing of the business premises at Greenspond and Joe Batt's Arm. From all sections of the Colony come reports of a great Union revival and many names are being added to the ranks.

Mr. Geo. Soper of the Dry Goods Dept. of the Trading Co. left by the Fogata for Joe Batt's Arm to attend to business matters pertaining to the transfer of the Earle premises and Mr. J. G. Stone is at Greenspond attending to similar matters there in connection with the transfer of the Ryan premises which takes place January 2nd.

Destitution.

WE pointed out in August and September that there would be considerable destitution in the Colony the coming winter and we asked the Government to make provision for it by providing labor in erecting and repairing wharves and roads in outports but nothing was done.

The long cold winter is now with us and hundreds of families are short of fuel and food. How they will get through will be known only to themselves and God—for it is certain very little will be done by the Government to aid any of those in want.

The F.P.U. has done what it can to aid some of those in need. The Trading Co. has sent out \$25,000 worth of provisions for the purchase of pit props, in order to do what was possible to help the people concerned through the winter.

Steamer loads of pit props

will be cut this winter at White Bay, North West Arm, Green Bay, Botwood and Current Island, which will mean \$25,000 worth of labor for those badly in need of assistance.

The F.P.U. Councils have helped a large number of their friends whose earnings were meagre the past season.

President Coaker receives scores of letters daily from people in destitute circumstances and he is making careful enquiry as regards the conditions of those applicants.

The only way the Government intend to aid is by making paupers of those applying for help, and passing them on to the tender mercies of Relieving Officers who are all complaining that their funds are exhausted and the Government refuse to increase the grants to enable them to meet the extreme cases coming under their notices.

Flour and bread has advanced lately and food will be dearer and dearer as the spring draws near.

A miserable winter consequently faces hundreds of poor families.

The Government are as indifferent over the condition of the poor. No provision has been made, no instructions (to meet the emergency) have been issued to the Relieving Officers, and the poor must die or be fed by those who have all they can do to attend to their own wants.

There will be a large amount of destitution in this city during February, March and April, as there will be very little employment along the water front as the stock of fish held here is about the smallest known in the memory of living man. There will not be one half the labor of last winter and last winter's labor was scarce enough. There will be 2000 men out of employment here after January. The Government should get a move on and immediately make some arrangements to cope with the situation.

The clergymen and relieving officers in outports should be entrusted with the relief of the poor during the winter and spring and the Government should at once empower the clergy to get together and be an advisory board to the regular officials, and those boards should see that sufficient funds for the relief of the worse cases are forthcoming.

WORLD'S PRESS ON THE BIG WAR

WILL RESTORE CONFIDENCE.

Springfield Republican:—The effect of the action (off the Falklands) in restoring British confidence in the navy is far from its least important aspect. The losses caused by mine and submarine in nearer waters will now seem less ominous than they have hitherto, and will be recognised more in their true light as incidental to the sustained mastery of the sea against an enemy who ventures no attack in force.

A SINGULAR ANOMALY.

London Chronicle:—It now appears that the Allied Governments have awakened to the claims of neutral journals, and representatives of many are to be taken on tour through the French and possibly the British armies. We are very glad that they are; but by itself the step is a singular anomaly. These neutral countries are to enjoy direct descriptions from the front—our front; and our own people, whose blood and money are being poured out, are to be content with the geographical aridities of the official bulletins and the amiable gossip of the "Eye-witness!" Surely it is almost the final absurdity in a situation which would be utterly farcical, were it not also disastrously tragic.

THE GERMAN WAY.

London News and Leader:—The Germans know more about psychology and less about men than do any other people in the world. It is all due to the lamentable bookishness, a failure to see that living flesh and blood is extremely rebellious to the yoke of abstractions. In a very wise and pregnant phrase Goethe has emphasized how much easier action is than thought. That, properly understood, is very true; but his countrymen have not understood it. They have applied one particular mode of thinking, perfectly appropriate to metaphysics, to all human affairs; and they have treated that kind of thought as one with life and action. So they have trodden on the corns of all the nations of the earth with entire astonishment at the aking of offence, and they are irritating the neutrals whom they are working so desperately and understandingly to convert into friends.

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General News Of The World

Culled From Many Sources For Readers of The Mail and Advocate

The human limit. Mrs. Margaret Robinson of New York declares, was reached in her case when, as she alleges, her husband had another woman aid him selecting a dress for her.

A writer in a London paper pleads for more charity and less vainglory from his countrymen. Let us not forget," he says, "that the ten commandments and the law of charity and love of our neighbors and enemy are not suspended during the war."

Pope Benedict has presented a rich gold chalice to the Church of Santa Marie Immaculata di Pegli in Genoa. This is the church wherein his baptism is recorded. On its register is also recorded the death of Daniel O'Connell.

Instead of sending flowers to the funeral of Agnes Wister, a noted Philadelphia educator, friends and former pupils were requested by Owen Wister to send the money equivalent for the founding of a bed in the Philadelphia ward of the Paris ambulance.

Zona Gale declares true charity consists, not in handing down half-worn garments, not in HEATING up those whom we consider beneath us in the social scale, but in striving to work with them instead of for them, being not our brother's keeper so much as our brother's brother.

When a Canadian contingent sails for England or for the front this spring in the battalion or battalions recruited from Montreal will be a company of two hundred and fifty McGill men under the command of Captain George Arcey, who is at present in command of a company of the McGill battalion.

A mountain lion recently killed in the Grand Canyon game preserve, which adjoins the Tusayan National Forest, measured ten feet from nose to tail. Mountain lions and other beasts of prey, such as wolves, coyotes and wild cats, are killed by forest officers and game wardens because they are a menace to stock and to wild animals.

It was not Lady Decies who was injured recently at Dunkirk, but Gertrude, Lady Decies, the widow of the fourth Lady Decies, and sister-in-law of the present holder of the title, who married Miss Vivian Gould. The injury was a mere scratch on the arm. It happened a week ago, and she is now quite well and attending to her hospital duties near Boulogne.

Toronto Mail: There ought to be an order in effect by the license commissioners or other competent authority that men in the King's uniform may not be treated at the bar. In Welland this has been done. "No treating" orders would have the support of the whole community, especially in Toronto, where several thousand men are in training and hundreds are on leave every night.

Joseph Bartek, New York, has gone into bankruptcy because he was sued for breach of promise by a legal "infant." Bartek says he has not any assets, and the only liability is the judgment in the suit brought against him by Annie Polak through her guardian, Henshaw B. Chilson. It was shown that Bartek had promised to wed the young girl. The judgment was for \$5,148.53.

"I want the members of the profession to take notice that it's altogether wrong to go to any other judge than the judge of the week for an injunction," remarked Mr. Justice Riddell at Osgoode Hall, Toronto. "I'm not going to have my work thrown out on other judges, who are busy with other things. That ought to be observed by the profession. I don't want my work to be done by other people."

Lodz, occupied recently by the Ger-

mans, is a city of some 700,000 population, the chief manufacturing centre of Russian Poland and the province's second city. It has numerous textile mills, the majority of them for the manufacture of cotton goods. In addition it has flour mills, dyeing establishments, brickyards, machinery plants and breweries. The population is made up of Poles, Germans and Jews.

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