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'Invincible' Takes 'Klondyke' to Task

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)
Dear Sir.—On looking at the "Daily News" issued this 1st inst. I noticed a letter from one signing himself "Klondyke" writing on the sealing re-
sult. He says that since he wrote to that paper there has been a new com-
ment discovered in the political sky, in the person of Mr. Coaker.

He also states he knows as much about the seal-fishery as Mr. Coaker, who went to the ice but once. Mr. Klondyke does not think that Mr. Coaker wanted to go to the ice to give himself praise. "Klondyke" further states that by the time Coaker has brought as much wealth into the country as Kean he (Klondyke) may be in a better position to talk to him.

I agree with "Klondyke" that Kean has brought some wealth into the country for himself and Bowring Brothers, for which they may thank the toilers. These men ran the risk of their lives to make big money for Kean and Bowring. Mr. Coaker has done more in the past couple of years to benefit the fishermen than ever Kean did in his whole career. He also, says Coaker threatens to lead a mob to take Capt. Kean off the bridge of the Florizel, supposing he had to head the mob himself. But Mr. Klondyke you need not fear, about Mr. Coaker, hoping to head the mob him-
self. There would have been lots of men only the glad to head a mob to take Kean ashore if Mr. Coaker had given the word to go. But Mr. Coaker was a gentleman and did not want to cause a row, like some of the Bay Robbs, men did on that glorious 17th. If Mr. Coaker had a few gallons of rum to give the men it is most likely there would have been a lively time. As regards the men which Klondyke calls poor gulls which were fanning around Coley's Point and other places to have Kean arrested, I may say some of them, Klondyke, were or will

be better men than ever you were. Klondyke says the Governor should send more school teachers around to teach our young men more sense and educate them. It is you Mr. Klondyke who I think wants to be taught sense and educated so as you may be able to cross your own and do your own instead of giving the Editor the trouble of doing it.

Klondyke remarks they were all good men when he was going to the ice. He says you would not find twenty-nine men turning back on the ice. But I say this was where the men showed their good sense. Had all the crew turned back such a disaster never would have happened.

Klondyke also states that no one was more sorry for that misfortune than himself. I do not believe that is true. If he were sorry he would not write in favor of Kean, and as for what he said about George Tuff being a good man and at his work as he showed himself on the ice that day and night. Some of the men's evidences last Spring will prove that. Mr. Klondyke goes on to say that he has not seen in the men's evidences a word about the weather, being too had to go on the ice when they left the Stephano. If that is true, Mr. Klondyke could not have read the evidence given by the men last Spring. Well, I am a Union man and as he said don't care who knows it, and Mr. Klondyke will find that all the Union members are not too green to burn.

Mr. Coaker is a man trying to up-bait the toilers, and not Mr. Klondyke, trying to keep a man like Kean in the Florizel. Mr. Coaker don't heed such men, he has twenty thousand fisher men at his back, and with such a number he is sure to win.

"INVINCIBLE."
Smith's Sound, Trinity Bary, March 27th.

Trouble With Rebate on Gasolene

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)

Dear Sir.—Last year, when the fishermen around here applied for their duty of gasolene, they just took their bills to Strong & Mursell or any other firm here and got them to sign a certificate to the effect that they had purchased from them. They then took the bill to the Customs Official, Mr. Duder, who signed it and sent it on to the Government, and their money came back to them with no trouble whatever.

This year the fishermen did the same as last year and sent their certified bills on about Christmas time, some earlier in December on gasolene but they waited so long for the money to be returned that they came to the conclusion that the Government had no money to pay back the duty to the fishermen. About the 9th of March, however, the bills were returned to the Customs official with a note saying "Fishery closes down there from May to October" meaning that no duty would be returned for oil used by fishermen for the herring fishery which was carried on extensively during the months of November, December and January last. There were two steamer loads of herring sent from this place during that time, besides hundreds of barrels which were sent by the coastal steamers. It appears that duty is returned only on oil used while the men are away at the fishery and that getting herring is not considered as a fishery.

Mr. LeMessurier and the other man who looks after the collecting of duties stated that the bills had to be certified by the merchant in St. John's from whom S. & M. bought the gasolene. By the time these bills go to the Customs officer to be signed and then back to St. John's, the men will have gone to the fishery without getting any rebate off last year's oil.

Please let us know of what conditions this rebate is to be had.

Yours truly,
LITTLE BAY ISLANDS.
March 23rd, 1915.

'Pit Props' Hits A Mean

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)

Dear Sir.—We heard the sealing fleet is got along as far as Cape Frob, but we understand the seals are in this Bay, and north of us, in large quantities. The ice is very thick and heavy, so I fancy Captain A. Kean would have had butting to get any further north, but he would find harder "butting" if he came ashore in this place.

As regards Kean I would say that obedience is better than sacrifice and he will find it out later. Repent, Captain Kean of your wrong doings and escape the wrath of the toilers of Newfoundland.

"PIT PROP."
Rattling Brook, S. W. Arm, March 20, 1915.

Union Growing Stronger

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)

In reading the columns of the peoples paper, the Mail and Advocate I seldom see anything from Little Bay Island. That, Sir, is no proof that the Union are is dying out here far from it, as the people of L. B. I realize too deeply the need of the Fisherman's Protective Union, and are not unmindful of the untiring zeal of its noble President to get for the toilers what is theirs by right. The toilers of Newfoundland longed and hoped for years for something that would give him a square deal but hoped in vain, until our President, W. F. Coaker, paved the way. It realized that the fishermen of our Island home, the wealth earners, the men who were really making the country what it is, were simply slaves and were treated not as men but as serfs, and while they made rich men of the merchants, they themselves barely eked out an existence. This man realized that there was a way to free them from the hand of the oppressor.

What a change has taken place the last five years. The fishermen are beginning to realize that they are really men, they realize that they can think and act for themselves and not at the dictates of the other man. It is that not enough to make men stand by the Union?

The last few years have made a great difference in our men, they use the brains the creator gave them, to much advantage; and think it an honor to be led by such a man as President Coaker, in whose honor and integrity they have full confidence.

The Bowring-Kean outrage is proof enough that the old style of things is dying a hard death. The L. B. I. Local Council is heartily in sympathy with the President in this matter and will stand by him in his fight for right and liberty. What will the local firm of Bowring Bros. gain by this outrage; do they forget that they are up against an indignant public. The people have spoken through President Coaker and spoken with no uncertain sound. On whom do these firms depend for their incomes, is it on the pampered few around St. John's, or on the fishermen; maybe they'll find out in the near future. The Union means business.

Union meeting night is looked forward to by all Union men with pleasure, and when we realize that we are part of a great organization for the uplift of the toiler, and where we hear old men, whose backs are bent and hair whitened in the struggle to keep the wolf from the door, tell of how they have been treated in the past by the merchants of this country, every member feels it his duty to do his utmost to further the interests of the noble F.P.U. May every success attend it.

CORRESPONDENT.
Little Bay Island, March 23rd, 1915.

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