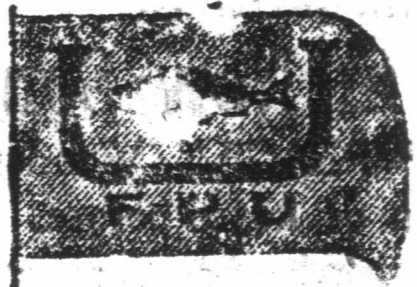


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OUR POINT OF VIEW

The Under Dog

TO take the part of the big and powerful and influential in any case is not at all a game calling for any particular courage, it is quite easy, and any poltroon may play it, in fact it is the game of the poltroon par excellence as is the part peculiarly suited to certain people.

It is a simple thing to pounce on the defenseless and to brandish a weapon in upholding the cause of the mighty, but to take the part of the weak and defenseless against might, to stand up for the under dog calls for the exercise of some courage.

The "Star" is the doughty champion of muddlers in the case of the powers that be against Mr. Hansen, a solitary stranger within our gates. This gentleman has been taken from Labrador and sent back to New York, because of some half baked fool suspicion that he is a German spy, or at the instance of those whose trade he might have been cutting into. By taking this man away from Labrador no little injury has been done to the people of that coast, to say nothing of the loss to Mr. Hansen himself, whose valuable time has been sacrificed at the mere whim of some hysterical sissy, or jealous trader.

The fact is there are two elements which so very largely control doings in this country, that they might be regarded as the peculiar traits in our character, by the annalist who may be writing our history.

The first outstanding and distinguishing mark of our character is the disposition to jump at conclusions, to go off half cocked, to use a gunnery expression, which Newfoundlanders very well understand, and lack of balance is the great cause of this besetting sin, which makes us so ridiculous, and leads us into very compromising and awkward positions. And we will be surprised if this Hansen case does not involve us in chagrin, and make us the butt of some very uncomplimentary remarks, if nothing more serious.

The second trait of our character, anomalous as it may seem, is the faculty we possess for immobility. We are as dense as owls and stubborn as mules on certain points, where some show of spirit is desirable. We are not writing in these lines the biography of our fellow countrymen, but we are endeavouring to show the inconsistencies of officialdom.

A few thousand dollars spent among the fishermen along the Labrador coast this summer which

we understand Mr. Hansen was prepared to spend in pursuit of his trade, would have been a veritable windfall for the people of that coast. This blessing has been denied them in the removal of Mr. Hansen, and we beg to repeat our question of a few days ago. Why?

City Taxation Of Coopage Lumber

WE learn that the City Council officials are valuing for taxation the stocks of coopage lumber held by local coopers. This is unfair, for it often happens that the coopers buy in large stocks of coopage material in order to help the outport men who bring this quality of lumber to town, which greatly aid the poor chaps who strive to exist by working small mills.

To tax the extra stock that was purchased this season, when so many were compelled to sell to provide the summer outfit, would be a proceeding that will surely tend to prevent coopers from buying in surplus stocks.

We commend our remarks to the City Commissioners and trust no valuation for city taxation will be placed on surplus stocks of coopage lumber for the reason advanced above.

Typhoid At Change Islands

SOME twenty cases of typhoid now exist at Change Islands. Absolutely nothing has been done by the authorities to quarantine any of the cases. There is no doctor at present at Change Islands. The J.P. there has taken no steps to carry out the health regulations. The people are furious over the indifference manifested and the fever has spread over the whole area.

Mr. Coaker on arrival from Change Islands on Monday brought the matter to the notice of Mr. Halfyard who at once took the matter up with the Board of Health. A doctor should at once be dispatched to attend to this serious outbreak and a strict quarantine should be established. Who ever is to blame for this wilful and criminal neglect of duty must be discovered and the authorities may rest assured that when the House of Assembly opens Dr. Brehm will have to render an account of his stewardship in this connection.

It is eight months since the first victim succumbed to this outbreak at Change Islands, yet absolutely nothing has been done to kill out the sickness or prevent its spread. If it is found that the local J.P. has been remiss in his duties, he must be punished by forfeiting his right to a place in the famous list of J.P.'s. Some J.P.s are becoming a nuisance and are openly committing acts that tend to demoralize the settlements they represent.

One instance is that at Lewisporte when the J.P. refused to take action according to law unless he squeezed ten dollars out of a game board supervision. Has the Minister of Justice taken any steps to investigate this scandalous transaction as revealed in evidence before the court at Twillingate the past spring?

F. P. U. Notes

The S.S. Can't Lose sailed today for Ros at Rue with a load of herring for Scotland.

The schr. Maud arrived from Herring Neck yesterday with a load of herring for the U.T. Co.

The schr. Luetta, Capt. Snow, is ready to sail with supplies for the F.P.U. Stores at Seldom, Tiltling, Joe Batt's Arm and Twillingate.

Thrift is the supreme virtue of today. Thrift-lovers are happy: a nation of thrift-lovers is strong and prosperous.

Thrift is the parent of the virtues most needed at this time—strength, courage, patience, self-help, devotion to the Good Cause.

ANSWER THESE FOUR QUESTIONS

By Anna Carter

Very weary one evening I retired to rest, and had a beautiful dream in which I saw the liquor traffic crushed out of existence.

It was in this way. I saw printed in bold type at the beginning of the first column of every newspaper in the world, certain statements and questions. They were printed week after week, and in that way they were planted in the minds of all intelligent persons, whether they meant them to be or not, and thus a mental vote was taken without regard to age or sex. This continued until the electrical power of concentrated thought became so intense that no one could run a saloon.

The impression has deepened that God gave me this dream for a purpose, and that you are the one that can make the ideal a reality. For this purpose I submit it for your consideration, praying that you may be guided by Divine wisdom.

This is what I saw standing at the head of the first column of every newspaper in the world:—

"The Saloon is the product of Satanic thought, expressed in human action at the ballot box."

"It can only live by the destruction of human beings."

"It will go by Christian thought expressed at the ballot box."

"When, will depend upon the individual answers to the following questions:—

"1. Do I want a saloon to destroy me, or any of mine?"

"2. Do I want it to destroy anyone else?"

"3. Will I consent by silence, thought, word or ballot to the continuance of the saloon?"

"4. If I consent by silence, thought, word or ballot to the continuance of the saloon, what assurance have I, that I, or some of mine will not be among its victims?"

Again, to prove his case good he quotes hearing of a shipment of herring by rail when a stream of pickle was running from the cars. It is not very creditable to the man who shipped the herring, nor yet to the party who reported it, and less so to The Sun for publishing such thing as the above as a justification for his former article.

No person of any experience in handling herring would ship them by rail at all as the knocking about they get in transit is bound to injure the best of packages, and the wonder would have been not to see any pickle running away. In fact very few persons care to have herring shipped by the coastal steamers if they can possibly avoid it. To blame the man who packed the herring for the above charge is adding insult to injury.

The Sun charges us with cowardice and implied ignorance because we made no suggestion with regard to improving our herring pack. Our reply to that charge is that when we do it will not be through the medium of The Sun or any other publication, for we are strongly of the opinion that optical demonstration is the best means of imparting information of that nature, and when it comes to that part, when making a good package, catching and curing the herring, and delivering them in a condition such as not to require Government inspection or any other kind, when we repeat, a practical teacher of such is required, The Sun will be considered a negligible quantity and will have to take a back seat, while possibly the one selected to fill the bill will be the despised.

Yours truly,
—INTERESTED.
Twillingate Dist., Aug. 31, '15.

Tired Tidewater Takes To Trout

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—I think it about time the attention of the authorities was called, to the doings of a man Davis, tidewater at Port aux Basques. Only a short time ago, he had a month's holiday which he spent at St. John's—now again for the past ten days he has been off on a fishing trip with the son of the collector, Mr. Mark Pike, and rumor has it he is to have another week when the shooting season opens. If there is nothing for him to do at Port aux Basques why not dismiss him. Why are the taxpayers called upon to pay this man \$500 a year to sport around? The other officers at Port aux Basques cannot get a day off, but this man Davis can go and come just when he likes and it seems the collector dare not say a word to him.

Yours truly,
—TAXPAYER.
Channel, Sept. 1, 1915.

Touched Sore Spot In the Anatomy Of "Sun" Editor

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—My letter re that article in The Twillingate Sun concerning the pack of herring, has touched some very sore spot in the editorial anatomy, as he devotes a whole column of his paper in criticising my few remarks, and I must once more trust to your clemency for space to reply to some of his statements.

First he claims that we admitted his charges were true. How he could interpret any word of ours are at a loss to understand, but to impress clearly on his mind that we did not endorse his charges, we now say plainly that his charge of "greed and carelessness" as applied to the majority of the herring packers at Twillingate was unjust and insulting and calculated if noticed to do the trade a great injury, and the publication of such things in the public press fully merited the term applied to it and I reckon that ninety-nine per cent of both packers and shippers are of the same opinion.

The Sun also claims that he made some sensible suggestions in the way of improving the herring pack. For my part I failed to see anything of that nature in the whole article. If he is under the impression that Government inspection would be a complete cure he makes the greatest mistake of his life. First the number of inspectors required would be away and above what our impoverished revenue could afford to maintain, and secondly, if the work of those officials brought about the same results as to improvement, as in other branches of our fishery it would certainly puzzle an outsider to find where the reform began.

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The prohibition movement is in full swing here, a large and representative committee has been formed and the campaign promises to be a vigorous and comprehensive one. The meetings of the committee are somewhat enlivened at times by our worthy magistrate who becomes exceedingly excited when the Government is attacked for putting the percentage of votes to be reached so high as his loyalty to the present Government is as well known as his zeal for prohibition.

DR. ALEXANDER MacNICHOLL
New York City

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The World's Press

On the Arabic.

Buffalo Express:—With the torpedoing of the Arabic a climax has been reached in our controversy with Germany, in the opinion of the newspaper writers, and it is agreed that the United States must now act; although there is a strong conviction that we should not proceed until the evidence is all in.

Bulgaria and Macedonia

Dundee Advertiser:—The claim which Bulgaria is alleged to be making for Macedonia as price of her intervention in the war is founded on the fact that in far distant times the debatable country formed part of the Bulgarian empire. The Bulgarian Tsar Simeon, who reigned from 893 till 927, conquered almost the whole of Macedonia, and one of his immediate successors made it the center of his empire, fixing his own residence at Prespa. Bulgarian dominion over Macedonia ended in the thirteenth century, but the Bulgarian Bishopric of Ochrida continued to exist until 1767.

Good Humor

London Daily News and Leader:—Our good allies, the French, have been astounded by the light-heartedness of the British Tommy. However heavy the casualties, however wearisome the duty, however imminent the danger, our soldiers have never lost their power to sing and chaff and laugh. As a matter of fact, this power is the quality of the people. The typical working-class Briton meets adversity with a smile, and bad luck with an unconquerable determination to make the best of things. Dickens discovered the humor of England. England at its greatest was "Merrie England." The English tried and proved by the war must be a "Merrie England" once more.

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