Evening Telegram

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LEST WE FORGET.

Premier Squires, in his Manifesto, made the following charges against the Reid Company:

"The Reid system consists of getting out of the people of Newfoundland the most money that can be secured for the least service which can possibly be rendered. For some years past the management of the Reid Newfoundland Company has been so horribly inefficient that any person who attempts to travel on the Reid trains is taking his life in his hands. No effort whatever has been made to keep the rail line in repair. The system has been rightly described as a rotten outfit, in charge of incompetents, who know nothing of railroading and are too indifferent to learn.

"Mr. H. D. Reid, the President of the Reid Newfoundland Company, has attempted by a species of blackmail to injure me in my personal character as a man and in my professional and political career. He and those associated with him have pursued, and will undoubtedly continue to pursue, this course, because they know that there is no process of bribes, threats, blackmail or intrigue by which they can secure my subservience to their wishes at the sacrifice of the land which I call home.

"The Reids have received from the Government of Newfoundland large concessions. They have secured large lands, mining areas, timber areas and water powers. The Reids feel themselves so entrenched in political power in this country that they claim to be strong enough to hold all the property they got from the people of this country, and defy the people of this country in the matter of their railroad contract. The Reids are so arrogant in this position that they say no Government can be elected in Newfoundland sufficiently strong to compel them to carry out their contractual obligations to the Colony.

"I propose that the Reid Newfoundland Company, powerful as it is, shall be dealt with by my Government in the same business-like manner as a landlord deals with his tenant. The Reid Newfoundland Company have rights and interests in this Colony. These rights shall not be unjustly sacrificed. The people of Newfoundland have rights in this country, and the Reid Newfoundland Company shall not be permitted to sacrifice the interests of this Dominion and its people for the carrying out of their financial schemes or personal ambitions. The railway line will, with reasonable despatch after the election of my party to office, be put in running order, so that it may not continue to be the public menace which it is to-day.

"It is vitally important that at the earliest moment possible the railway situation be dealt with by a body of men who will truly and firmly represent the people of this Colony, and put into effect a railroad policy which will give the country a complete, efficient, and economical service. . . . . .

"I am prepared, and the candidates who are fighting for the Liberal Reform Party in the various constituencies are prepared, and we pledge ourselves, to deal with this Reid railroad menace in the interests of our country. I know that I will not permit myself, and I am satisfied that no candidate standing for my party to-day in any constituency in Newfoundland, will permit himself to be bribed, bullied or blackmailed into departing from this pledge of loyalty to the interests of Newfoundland, and these interests only, in dealing with this Reid Octopus which would destroy our country, its commerce, and its political honor."

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In the above extract Mr. Squires outlined very clearly and emphatically an intention to compel the Reid Company to carry out its contracts in its entirety, and to enforce the full effect of the obligations of the Reids to this country. But what, let us ask every elector, has been the record of the Squires-Coaker Party since its election to office? The record has been that the Squires-Coaker Party has done nothing whatever to carry out its outlined policy, has taken no steps to force the Reids to do anything. On the contrary, if the last Government made things easy for the Reids, this Government has made things doubly easy. If the last Government winked with one eye at breaches of the contract, the Squires-Coaker Party has deliberately closed both eyes and allowed the Reids to do as they like. **Furthermore, the Squires-Coaker Party has provided hundreds of thousands of dollars of public money the past fifteen months to help the Reids operate the railroad,** money which the Reids should have found themselves, and money which is lost to the taxpayers of this country for all time to come. This money should never have been given to the Reids, it should have been retained in the Public Treasury to be used for public works throughout the country, and for the reduction of taxation. Instead of that it has been handed over to the Reid Company without anything whatever being obtained in return, and it has been used to pay the expenses of working the railroad, while the Reids have sat back and laughed in their sleeves at the way in which they have pulled the wool over the eyes of this new Government that threatened so much, but is now eating out of their hands.

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Mr. Squires, in his Manifesto, as quoted above, declared that the railroad was unfit to travel on, but what have he and his friends done since they took office to make the railroad any better? Absolutely nothing. The road is now in the same condition as it was for the past two or three years, except that a little more of it was ballasted the past summer. For the past two or three years the Reids have been working with two steam shovels ballasting portions of the road, and they continued that work during the summer of 1920 with this difference, however, to the country's disadvantage, namely, that in 1918 and 1919 they did this ballasting with their own money, but in 1920 they did it with the country's money, very obligingly handed to them for the purpose by the Squires-Coaker Party, but neither the Reids nor the Squires-Coaker Party have repaired a bridge, improved a grade, bettered any of the dangerous sections of the road, or done anything whatever to permanently improve the system, and the number of run-offs for 1920, during the period the road was open was just as great as in 1919. Of course the Squires-Coaker Party, being specially considerate of the convenience of the Reids, allowed the cross-country system to be shut up for the whole of last winter because it suited the Reids not to operate, but this year, when there is as much, if not more reason for shutting up the railroad across country, it is kept open, this time for the convenience of certain persons who have sold a lot of pulpwood to the Harmsworths at Grand Falls, and who are having it hauled from their timber areas on the West Coast to the paper mills, although the cost of doing this is enormous.

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In saying the above in regard to the railway, we are not forgetting that in the dying hours of the last session of the Legislature, a bill was passed authorising the Government to raise a million dollars of a loan for the Reids to provide six locomotives, fifty freight cars, and fish plates for binding the rails together, and also to increase the terminal facilities at Port aux Basques and St. John's. This money, it was stated, would be deducted from the claims due the Reids when their contract expires in 1951, but in the meantime the country has to raise the money, pay all the expenses, and also pay the interest for thirty years, instead of making the Reids raise this loan themselves, and thus free the Colony from any of the burdens which this scheme will impose upon it. From the foregoing it will be seen that the Squires-Coaker Party have been the best friend the Reid Newfoundland Company ever had. By some mysterious process the Liberal-Reform Party has been converted from an enemy into a friend. All the threats and denunciations quoted above have come to nothing. The Squires-Coaker Party have put their hands under the feet of the Reids, have taken the cover off the public chest, so to speak, and allowed the Reids to help themselves with both hands, and the taxpayers of Harbor Main and the other districts of the country have to foot the bill.

Lenten Religious Supplies.
KNOWLING'S

PRAYER BOOKS—Assorted Prices, 22c. to $2.25 each
CHILDREN'S PRAYER BOOKS, 50c. to $2.00 each
PRAYER BEADS—Assorted Prices.
IRISH HORN PRAYER BEADS, 40, 45, 50c. to $1.00 per pair
BRASS and NICKEL CROSSES, 18, 20, 25, 37, 40 to 75c. each
SCAPULAR MEDALS, PICTURES.
GLASS CRUCIFIXES, SCAPULARS, ETC.

G. Knowling, Ltd.

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A Noon Edition.

Notwithstanding that to-morrow has been cited as a general holiday by the Importers Association, in order to make the Curlers' Charity Sports a success, the Telegram feels, that in view of the interruption of service last week, the city should not be left newspaperless even on a special holiday such as has been ordered. Consequently we shall issue at noon to-morrow thus providing the usual half-holiday edition.

You can get good seats at the door for the "Prince of Pilsen."

Help the Orphans.

With that charitable characteristic, the one touch of nature that makes the whole world kin, the directors and performiers in that charming opera-comedy "The Prince of Pilsen" have decided to repeat the performance which took St. John's by storm, for the whole of this week, the opening presentation to be given at the Casino Theatre to-night. The proceeds are to be devoted to the funds of the City Orphanages, and we feel sure that the benevolence of patrons of the finer arts—of which music is one—will tally up record attendances. The widow and the orphan are our especial care, particularly the latter, and thus the efforts of those who believe in doing good for "Sweet Charity's Sake" must be assisted in strength. "Suffer the little children to come unto Me" was the command of the Master to His disciples, who would have prevented them from approaching too near, and that command coming down through the ages has not lost any of its appealing force. For this reason the determination of the company responsible for the production of the finest musical treat ever given to the people of this city has to be supported enthusiastically and strongly, and old and young alike will appreciate the desire to help. For this reason we would suggest that all the city schools keep half holiday to-morrow in order that the children might have an opportunity to attend the matinee performance of this so delightful play. Help the Orphans!

The Sealing Situation.

Sealers from outports would be well advised if they do not come to St. John's looking for berths to the ice this spring. Moreover those who rely on last year's tickets for berths or those who had promises made to them last fall, will be disappointed if they expect such to materialise. Only those who have definite promises made within the past couple of week, can hope to have these fulfilled. Because of the reduction in the crews of the sealing steamers this spring, we have been asked to make this announcement for the benefit of men who may have had hopes of berths held out to them, and to whom it would be a great inconvenience and expense to come into town with expectations of being successful in securing such. Conditions this spring have changed considerably hence it will be well if the above bit of advice is acted upon. Only those who have been promised berths recently will be considered in signing crews for the coming fishery.

Successful Meeting.

JONES AND LEWIS SURE WINNERS

AVONDALE, Feb. 20.

Special Evening Telegram.

Liberal Labor Progressive Party candidates held meetings at Conception Harbor and Harbor Main. Rousing receptions tendered. Sir Michael Cashin, Dr. Jones, Capt. Jack Lewis, Wm. Woodford and Wm. J. Walsh were the speakers. Both settlements stronger than ever. Meeting at Holyrood to-night (Monday), Dr. Campbell is invited.

Supreme Court.

(Before Justice Johnson.)

The hearing of the charges against John and Annie McManus and Thos. McCormack was resumed yesterday afternoon. The case for the Crown concluded, Mrs. McManus addressed the jury on behalf of herself and the other prisoners. Mr. Justice Johnson then charged the jury, who returned to Court after a deliberation of some ten minutes and stated, through their foreman, that they found the prisoners guilty on all the counts with a recommendation for leniency for McCormack on account of his tender years. Sentence will be passed later. The Court adjourned till Tuesday, March 1st.

Grand Carnival.

AT PRINCE'S RINK TO-NIGHT.

A Grand Carnival is being held at the Prince's Rink to-night and it is expected that a large number of people will participate. The carnivals held in other years have always been great successes, and this one is bound to be up to the standard of its predecessors.

Cash prizes are being offered for the best costumes as follows:—Ladies' first $20, second $10; Gentlemen's first $20, second $10. To avoid delay in deciding the winners, masqueraders are requested to form up after the fifth band, the ladies to the right, adjoining the orchestrola box and the gentlemen to the left, adjoining he director's box. The prizes will be awarded by a committee of six, consisting of three ladies and three gentlemen. On Saturday next a carnival for children wil be held.

McMurdo's Store News.

TUESDAY, Feb. 22.

Among recent arrivals we are able to list Parmint Double Strength, a bottle of which mixed with sufficient Simple Syrup to make half a pint of mixture, is recommended for colds, hoarseness, catarrh, catarrhal deafness, head noises, asthma, influonza, bronchitis, sore throat, etc., and is said to be very valuable for the purpose. In bottles, Price $1 a bottle.

Pyrohocide Tooth Powder is very valuable for preventing pyorrhoea, and inflammation of the gums, and for preserving the teeth, and keeping them in good condition. Highly recommended by the dental profession. Price $1.60 a pkg.

Necessity for Pumping Engine.

SAYS NEW YORK INSRANCE MAN.

Mr. R. S. Newell, of the Underwriters Agency, who was in the city at the time of the fire at the Archiepiscopal Palace, visited the scene of the blaze and also the firehall and obtained full particulars in connection with the water pressure, and kindred matters, and he stated that it is very necessary that our fire department should have a pumping engine with a capacity of not less than 1000 gallons per minute. A pumping engine of this sort could be attached to hydrants and is capable of throwing three good streams of water in spite of low pressure. The firemen, said Mr. Newell, worked well and did everything possible under the existing circumstances. We might suggest to the Government that they would be conferring a benefit on the community by purchasing one of these engines.

Laymen's Agencies Convention.

The meetings of the Laymen's Agencies' Convention will be resumed this evening at 8 o'clock in Gower St. Church. The general subject for consideration will be "Young Men's Organization." The speakers will be Rev. W. B. Bugden, on "Young Men's Bible Classes"; Mr. Chesley Bowden, on "What Should the Methodist Churches of the City do for their young men during the week?" and Mr. H. N. Burt, on "The Ideal Organization for Boys and Young Men." These meetings will continue each evening during the week, and should be of interest to the general public.

Attacked by Dog.

Whilst Mr. Coffin, the well known storekeeper of New Gower Street was coming out Allandale Road near the Central Fire Hall this morning, he was attacked by a dog which bit his hand, severing a small artery. Mr. Coffin hurried to Dr. Tait's surgery where three stitches were found to be necessary to sew up the cut. It is about time something was done to get rid of the many fierce dogs now at large within the city.

Presence of Mind.

A conflagration was averted on Sunday evening at the home of Mr. James Moore, LeMarchant Road, by the presence of mind of a young boy who caught a blazing gasoline lamp and dashed it out of doors. The lamp caught fire whilst being extinguished and burned a number of furnishings. The plucky lad received severe burns on his hands and arm.

Oporto Stocks.

	Feb. 21	Feb. 14
British	54,457	41,239
Consumption	2,285	1,715
Norwegian	29,314	29,715
Consumption	4,572	5,143

PORT OF OPORTO.

Waiting Orders—Generals Plumer, Allenby and Ironsides, Trenchard, Ria and Maxwell R.

Train Notes.

The local express is held at Clarenville.

The train which left here yesterday morning for Carbonear, is snow bound at Avondale.

The rotary left Carbonear this morning, going to Brigus Junction.

All branch lines with the sole exception of the Heart's Content line are snowed up.

Shipping Notes.

S.S. Sebastopol left Fortune 11.20 a.m., coming this way.

S.S. Senef is still held in port, waiting for ice to move off the coast. She is loaded with provisions for Trinity and Bay de Verde.

S.S. Rosalind was supposed to leave Halifax to-day for here.

Coastal Boats.

GOVT. RAILWAY COMMISSION.

Clyde at Placentia.

Kyle leaving St. John's this afternoon.

Meigle arrived at Burin at 10 p.m. yesterday. No report leaving there.

Here and There.

Rehearsal B. I. S. Players at 63 Military Road to-night, Tuesday, and to-morrow night, at 8 o'clock.—feb22,1i

HORSE RACES POSTPONED.—The horse races on Quidi Vidi Lake have been postponed until Wednesday, March 2nd, owing to the condition of the pond and a desire to make Curlers' Day (to-morrow) more successful.

N. B. P. O. E.

THE ELKS.—There will be a meeting of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, this Tuesday evening at 8.30 o'clock. A large attendance is requested. JOHN J. ST. JOHN, Secretary.—feb22,1i

HEAVY LOSS.—The damage caused to the Archiepiscopal Palace by the fire of Saturday morning is estimated to be not less than $75,000 whilst the insurance is only $17,500 on the building and $4000 on the contents. The damage done in the Cowan fire is estimated at only $1000. The insurance on the building and stock amounts to $54,000.

FOR SALE—Freehold Property and Dwelling House known as "Slate House", situate on Duckworth Street, belonging to the Estate of the late Samuel Garrett; immediate possession. For further particulars apply to CLIFT & PINSENT, Solicitors, Law Chambers, Duckworth Street. jan29,s,m,tf

Here and There.

Unfailing in its results. A Pure, Wholesome and Delicious Laxative, "LES FRUITS."—dec9,tf

Brick's Tasteless makes you eat. For sale at STAFFORD'S. Price $1.20; postage 20c. extra.

Go to it to-night. To what? The "Prince of Pilsen." For what? To help the orphans.

Try our Special Cambridge Sausages. Made fresh daily at ELLIS'.—nov10,tf

SAGONA AT PLACENTIA.—S.S. Sagona reported that she would arrive at Placentia this morning. She has been out over 48 hours from this port.

For ten days, for Ten Dollars only,—Men's Mackinaws and Overcoats.—Prices cut in two at BLAIR'S.—feb1,eod,tf

Reliable Dry Batteries and Flashlights are built to stand Nfld. climate. Steady—Dependable—Lively at all times.
dec14,15,16,jan20,21,22,feb23,24.

Perhaps you are not an orphan. If you were you would need assistance. Help the orphans by going to the "Prince of Pilsen" to-night.

For your health's sake we offer Nature's answer to Constipation, "LES FRUITS." ELLIS'S.—dec9,tf

MEETING FOR YOUNG MEN. — Come to Gower St. Church to-night and hear the discussion upon the duty of the Church to her young men. A lively time is expected. All are invited.

OPEN TILL 1 P.M.—The Royal Stationery Co.'s Store will be open until 1 p.m. to-morrow for the sale of tickets for the 'Prince of Pilsen'.

Weigh yourself the day you commence to take Brick's Tasteless, then weigh yourself two (2) weeks later and note the increase.—jan27,tf

Tickets for the "Prince of Pilsen" may be purchased at the Royal Stationery Co.'s up to 1 p.m. to-morrow, Wednesday, and at the Hall in the afternoon.

FLOWERS BLOOMING. — Notwithstanding the troublous times in Ireland, the Freeman's Journal of the 2nd inst., says that buttercups and primroses are now in bloom in Wexford and the other Southern Counties.

NOTICE.—There will be a meeting of the B. I. S. Ladies' Auxiliary in the Club Rooms on Wednesday evening, February 23rd, at 8.30 p.m. ELIZABETH H. PEDIGREW, Sec'y.—feb22,2i

RESOLUTION PRESENTED. — A resolution asking that the Fish Regulations at Portugal be rescinded, signed by all the local fish exporters, interested in that market, was presented to the Government to-day for immediate consideration.

Brick's Tasteless is the best preparation known for children who are delicate. Taken in half to one teaspoonful doses it works marvellous results. Try a bottle and convince yourself.—jan27,tf

The women of Newfoundland should know by heart "The Battle of the Scribes". For amusing the children it has Poor Old Cock Robin and John Gilpin beat a mile.—feb22,1i

The men of Newfoundland should buy a copy of "The Battle of the Scribes", read it, laugh at and with it, then put it in their safes. Some day a copy of this first edition may be worth $25,000.00.—feb22,1i

A very enjoyable Social will be held in the Lecture Hall of the Congregational Church on Wednesday evening next, Feb. 23rd. Admission 40 cents. Candy and Ice Cream for sale. Please bear in mind the date and day.
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INTERRED ON SUNDAY.—The interment of Mrs. Skeans, relict of the late Jas. Skeans, took place at Mt. Carmel Cemetery on Sunday. Dr. Carter officiated at the Cathedral. The late Mrs. Skeans leaves one daughter, Annie, and a son, Philip, of the Advocate Office, to mourn their sad loss.

NFLD. ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY AND LADIES' AUXILIARY.—Charity Card Party.—A Card Party, entire proceeds of which will be devoted to Charity, will be held in Club Rooms, Water Street, to-morrow night, Tuesday, Feb. 22nd, at 8.15, for members and their friends (ladies and gentlemen). Tickets 50c. each. Tea will be served by members of Ladies' Auxiliary. Prize for ladies and gentlemen. Note:—Card Party for ladies only in afternoon at 3.15 o'clock.
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DIED.

Last evening, after a short illness, Edward Walsh, aged 77 years. Funeral on to-morrow, Wednesday, at 2 o'clock, from his late residence, Mahon's Lane (Cove Rd). Friends will please accept this, the only intimation.

HELP THE ORPHANS

BY ATTENDING

"The Prince of Pilsen"

(In aid of the City Orphanages)
Special Performances (by permission)

CASINO THEATRE, TO-NIGHT,

To-Morrow, Thursday, Friday and Saturday Evenings.

You wanted to see the "PRINCE OF PILSEN" again—this is your chance. Tickets on sale at the Royal Stationery Company this morning.

GRAND MATINEE

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, Feb. 23rd, AT 2.30 P.M.

The Prince of Pilsen

(In aid of City Orphanages).

Reserved Seats . . . . . 50c.
Gallery . . . . . c.
Pit . . . . . 20c.
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Grand Masonic Concert

To be held in the Temple, assisted by the leading artistes of the city. Tickets for same $1.00, to be had from the following members of committee: A. S. Stansfield, at Percie Johnson's; E. Fox, at T. A. Macnab's; D. McIntosh, at Campbell & McKay's; also from Caretaker at Temple.
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Opening Announcement

Telephone 994. P. O. Box 1236.

I wish to announce to my friends and the general public that after this date I am prepared to do Marine and Automobile Engineering work. I am a graduate of the Marine Engineers' College, Glasgow, Scotland, also qualified as Chief Engineer by the French Board of Trade. A share of your patronage gratefully appreciated.

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Vaccination Notice

It will be necessary to produce a Doctor's Certificate of Vaccination before being signed on the articles for the S. S. DIANA to the Seal Fishery the coming season.

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feb22,1fp Managing Owners.

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