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Inexcusable Bungling
Ties Up Railway.OFFICIALS TOO SMALL FOR THEIR
JOBS.

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir:—Taking a retrospective
view of railway operations since the
beginning of this year the question
which the situation suggests to one
is: how long is this fiasco going to
continue?

What has the Government done in
the matter of the Company's inability
to live up to the terms of its contract
in so far as it relates to the operating
of the cross-country train service?
It cannot any longer remain inactive
in the face of the record of the road
during the past two months.

The patience of the people is about
exhausted. The commercial men
when asked if nothing can be done
to improve the service shrug their
shoulders and tell us it is useless to
approach the officials of the Company
as they appear to be utterly
indifferent. The Government seem to
be bound hand and foot by Mr. Coaker,
whose recent association with the
President of the Road and other of-
ficials high in its service, in business
matters, appears to have chained him
to the Reid Company's chariot more
firmly than Mr. Coaker would have us
believe the ex-Premier, Lord Morris,
was bound to the Reid interests by the
collective force of "gold."

What were we having a daily cross-
country express service in operation
and traffic circulating over the system
in a fairly satisfactory manner, Mr.
Coaker used to be loud in his de-
clamations of the Company's delays.
He assured the fishermen that as
soon as they turned out Morris and
gave him power he would have the
Reid Company prosecuted and com-
pelled to pay damages for their fail-
ure to live up to their obligations.

He pointed out then that they had
Mr. Morris in the country and could

rely on him to fight the Reids and ob-
tain a square deal, which would be
done as soon as the F. P. U. got the
power to act.

Now all this was said at a time
when the service was being operated
with much greater satisfaction to the
public and the general trade of the
country than it is at the present time.

To-day Mr. Coaker has not a word
of complaint to utter against the Reid
Company for its failure to operate the
railway to the satisfaction of the
people and meet the requirements of
the trade.

He is silent to-day when the oper-
ating department of the system has
practically collapsed.

He is now in the position he han-
kered for when he was holding forth
against the Reids and exaggerating
simple mishaps and occasional delays
in the cross country service.

He raved against the Government
and Morris on one occasion like an
Indian full of Kentucky whisky be-
cause no express reached the city from
Port aux Basques for five days, not-
withstanding the fact that this oc-
curred during a period of exception-
ally severe winter weather which
every sensible man recognized created
conditions along the track which made
it well nigh impossible for trains to
move for two or three days.

During the past month we have been
nearly two weeks without an express
arriving in this city from Port aux
Basques and yet we have not heard a
solitary "war-whoop" from "The
Big Chief" Coaker against the Reid
management of the road.

Mr. Coaker is now in charge of the
Government but he has not only failed
to keep his promise to the fisher-
men that he would compel the Reid
Company to carry out its contract
with the country or forfeit their mail
subsidies, and to be prosecuted for
breach of contract, but he is absolute-
ly silent, while the system is more de-
moralized, and the service very much
more unsatisfactory than at any pre-
vious time since the road was opened
across the country.

Not only that, but we find Mr. Coak-
er travelling to and fro in the Reid
Company's private cars, and racing
through the city streets in covered
automobiles, making the common "Un-
derdogs" scamper for their dear lives
to escape being run over.

While an express train occupies
fourteen days from St. John's to Port
aux Basques and return, another train
five days from St. John's to Bishop's
Falls and return, Mr. Coaker and his
paper find nothing to complain of, and
tell the public that they are getting as
good a service as conditions allow.

At a time when the Company fails
to run an express train out of Port
aux Basques for nine days, and when
Canadian and English mails were ten
days overdue, Mr. Coaker orders his
paper to publish a column of "rail-
way camouflage," and resorts to the
dishonest tricks he used to formerly
condemn in his new-found friend, the
Herald, to "whitewash" the bungling
of the Reid officials.

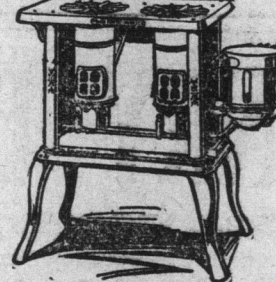
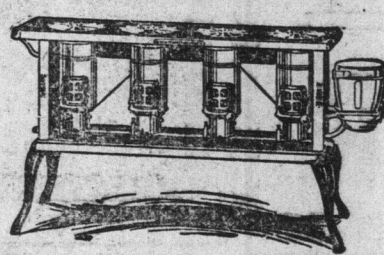
When the Management, through
what looks to most people like inex-
cusable bungling on the part of the re-
sponsible officials, find themselves
helplessly crippled in the first snow
storm of the season because they had
not the requisite rolling stock and
 motive power in readiness for the em-
ergency, Mr. Coaker does violence to
reason and discards truth in his ef-
forts to exculpate the Company in the
eyes of the public.

While hundreds of tons of freight,
foodstuffs and other urgently needed
goods are congested at North Sydney
and Port aux Basques, Mr. Coaker
and the Government take no steps to
compel the Reid Company to improve
the service and relieve the congestion
of freight which it is quite within the
power of the road to do, if foresight
and energetic management were given
to the operating department.

There is no justifiable reason for
the break-down of the operating de-
partment of the road during the past
few weeks, and the President would

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be doing justice to the Company and
be rendering the people of this coun-
try invaluable service if he invited
the officials responsible for the tie-up
of the system to take a holiday, and
handed over the operation of the
road to men who have capacity to fill
the positions, men who are at least as
big as their jobs.

At present the road appears to be
staffed by men in the higher positions
who are too small for their jobs; and
the road, the best interests of the
Company, and the vital interests of
this country are suffering in conse-
quence.

Some remedy should be found, and
found speedily, and the serious mud-
dle into which the road's affairs seem
to have fallen cleared up, even if it
be found necessary to import experi-
enced railway men for the work.

Yours truly,

March 9, 1918.

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the cause of liberty everywhere, by
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it was first published. For its vig-
orous and picturesque statement of
all that England means in the war,
as well as for its striking revelation
of the spirit in which the people of
the United States have joined her in
the struggle, it deserves an equally
wide publicity in this country:—

What if old England
Were to die to-night.
The wolves would gather round her
bier.

To-morrow they would slaver here.
The Bulgars, Turk send forth a cheer;
If England died to-night.

The Kaiser's sword would hack its
way
From Kiel to Colon and Bombay,
And dark enshroud the dawning
day.

If England died to-night.

Democracy, where would it be?
Tossed on a wild, unguarded sea,
The sport of evil destiny,
If England died to-night.

Brave France and Allies, what their
fate?
And we, alas! prepared so late?
Where could you find a saviour state
If England died to-night.

What of the little people then?
What of their liberties and when?
Where should you find the conquer-
ing men,
If England died to-night?

What of the aims of German peace,
When would the horrors of war
cease?
When from the victors come release,
If England died to-night?

Think of the panic and the fears,
The brutal death and endless tears,
The world fall back a thousand years
If England died to-night.

Why, if our England
Were to die to-night,
Her children true would meet the
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And, gathering from the east and
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For freedom, they would give their
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If England died to-night.

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saving life endangered by hostile
action off the Start Point, Devon,
was drawn attention to by Colonel
Mildmay in the House of Commons
a few days ago. Mr. Wardle said the
Board of Trade were investigating
the facts of the case with a view to
her services being rewarded. The
incident referred to by Col. Mildmay
occurred some months ago. Miss
Trout, the daughter of a fisherman,
was fishing accompanied in her boat
by her little brother. This work she
has been doing for a considerable
time to augment the family income
under the difficulties of wartime
fishing restrictions. While fishing
she saw some distance off a vessel
attacked and a number of the crew
thrown into the water. Though a
heavy sea was running at the time
the plucky girl rowed against the
storm and rescued the survivors.

The struggle against the wave al-
most exhausted her, but she regained
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Corn bread should not be too deep
in the pan, or it will not bake through.
After the sprouts begin to grow on
the potatoes they are less nutritious.
A small piece of ham boiled with

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