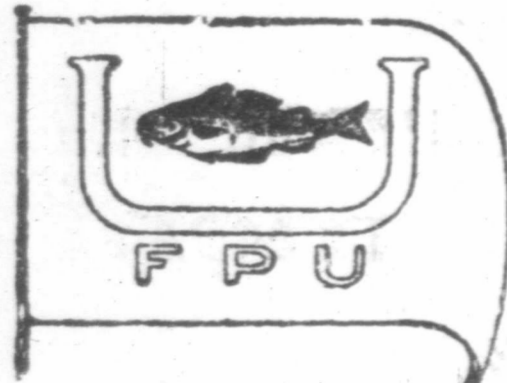


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OUR POINT OF VIEW

Call It Off.

THE Supreme Court on Circuit now sitting on the West Coast and Gazetted to sit North in September, October and November should be immediately called off and the money which would otherwise be expended saved to the Treasury.

The Court left here for the West after the war broke out and the arrangements should have been cancelled. The money will be wanted much worse the coming winter to meet the demands of hunger which will be heard from all parts of the Colony.

The expenditure of eight or ten thousand dollars on a service under existing circumstances is a crying shame and we ask the Government to have the Northern sittings cancelled at once, for there is no pressing necessity for such a waste of money just now.

Another Outrage.

THE Government, finding they had to face the People's Representatives and run the risk of being censured for their outrageous conduct in permitting the loss of 173 tollers in the Southern Cross to pass off without even a magisterial enquiry, have acted like miserable cowards and appointed at this hour a commission to enquire into the loss of the Southern Cross—which catastrophe happened March 31st, or five months ago.

No greater proof of their lack of ability and honesty can be found than this very outrage against the public. If they possessed ability they would have set to work immediately after the disaster to locate the blame, causes and remedy. If they were honest before God and man they would have performed their duty as honorable men, regardless of who was pleased or displeased and held a searching enquiry into every particular, and taken action that would have prevented such a disaster from happening again if human foresight could accomplish it.

Now in order to save their political heads from their own friends' indignation, they have doubly insulted and outraged the public feeling by appointing at this time a so-called commission to find out what caused the loss of a steamer with all her crew of seafarers just five months ago.

If such an enquiry is to be thorough and effective it should examine dozens of men now on the Labrador and it is impossible to secure their evidence now and the enquiry if commenced at this time cannot end until November when such witnesses may be examined.

Why was this commission not appointed in April when Mr. Piccott recommended it?
 How was it that his recommendations were ignored so contemptuously?
 How is it that the men he named have not been appointed?
 Who recommended the present commission consisting of Judge Conroy—over 80 years of age—Judge Knight—who made such a complete mess of the Newfoundland enquiry—Captain English and Captain Robert Cave?

If Mr. Piccott remains Minister of Fisheries after this defiant slap in the face by Morris he must be an ardent coward and unworthy of the esteem or respect of any lover of right or liberty.

WE cannot believe that such an outrageous insult hurled against a Minister by his own party and friends will be passed over with impunity.

Mr. Piccott carried himself and his two colleagues in Hr. Grace district, and he is the only man in the Government ranks that could have carried Hr. Grace, yet he has been treated as an understrapper and held up to public ridicule by the Premier, first by being ousted from his proper place as a member of the Executive by a minority who was beaten at the election by a fisherman by over 1000 majority, although he had for five years represented that same district and had what money he wanted for squandering; secondly, he was known to have been promised an executive position which was his right personally and the right of his district which for many years previously had held an executive seat; thirdly, he was known to have recommended in April, as Minister of Fisheries, the appointment of a commission to enquire into the loss of the Southern Cross and the massacre of 77 of the Newfoundland's crew, and he named the men he thought would make a suitable commission, therefore if Mr. Piccott swallows those outrages against him and his district the public will conclude that he is unworthy of any further respect or confidence. It is up to Mr. Piccott now to show that he is a man, or prove that he is but a catspaw in the hands of unscrupulous villains. As for the personnel of the commission the only competent man is Captain English.

JUDGE CONROY and Judge Knight should not be members of such a commission. Some leading lawyer or a judge of the Supreme Court should be the legal representative on such a commission, and a mariner thoroughly conversant with the fisheries—such as Capt. Eli Dawe—should have sat side by side with Capt. English. The commission's work will end in failure.

Its report will not be worth the paper it will be written on.

The public will place no confidence in its decision.

It will not do its duty to the Sons of Toil.

It does not represent the Tollers of the Sea. It is a bluff, put up once more by a miserable coward and political manipulator in order to fool and coddle the public once again.

Away with it! Away with these persistent attempts to fool the people!

All eyes will now be upon the Minister of Fisheries, for his hour is come, either to make for himself a name that the country and posterity must respect, or be written down a coward and catspaw of the lowest degree and despised forever by all right-thinking men.

Which will it be Mr. Piccott? It is left to yourself now to choose. Now is your time.

Act or forever be written down a failure and a coward.

Since writing the above we learn that the enquiry referred to was ordered by the British Board of Trade, which is a further reflection upon the Government for such matters should have been attended to by the authorities here long before this, which would have prevented the Board of Trade from taking such a step as above outlined.

General Joffre.

GENERAL JOFFRE'S official title is generalissimo, chief of the general staff of the army. His official and popular title is that of the "brains of the French army."

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W. E. DAVIDSON,
 Governor,
 Chairman Patriotic Committee.
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NOTICE TO MOTOR CAR AND MOTOR CYCLE OWNERS

As there will be considerable work of all kinds to be done before the Contingent for Foreign Service can be ready for embarkation, I would be obliged if all owners of Motor cars and Motor cycles, who are willing to help the training camp in orderly and other work, will send in their names to the A.D.C. Government House: they will then be notified of days and hours during which they will be useful for duty.

W. E. DAVIDSON,
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AMERICAN PRESS ON GREAT WAR

The German Autocracy

New York World: The Kaiser plunges Europe into the most devastating conflict known to human history and every civilized country reeds under the shock. And about what? In reality because the reactionary party of Germany was determined to invite a general European conflict in order to stay the advancement of political reforms. In the very vanguard of the twentieth century in most respects, Germany has straggled back into the seventeenth century politically. The curse of mediaeval government has hung over her noblest achievements. Every impulse towards political freedom has been beaten back to the matted fist, and at a great crisis in their history the German people are deprived of that power over their own political institutions without which the English speaking race has justly come to regard life itself as intolerable.

The Kaiser Responsible

The Baltimore News: With one accord the world outside of Germany and its ally, Austria-Hungary, fixes the blame for the tremendous catastrophe of a general European war upon Emperor William of Germany. Whether he miscalculates the determination of Russia to protect Serbia from Austrian invasion or whether he believed "the day" to which we are told the German navy drinks its toast, had come when Germany could challenge English supremacy upon the seas, the world believe that he could have held Austria in check and refused to do it.

Soldier or Martinet

Boston Transcript: Many systems, many personalities, are on trial or shortly will be. The German Imperial system will be on trial as well as the French Republican regime. There have been two strains of the Hohenzollerns, one culminating in soldiers and statesmen, the other finding its highest expression in martinets and secretaries. The result of the war will be to determine to which strain Kaiser Wilhelm belongs.

The End of Militarism

Rochester Post Express: If militarism is to receive its death blow this year it is probably necessary that all the giant powers shall take part in the contest. Europe has been spending nearly two billion dollars a year in preparation for this war, and it will cost twelve times as much if it lasts twelve months. An indecisive clash and a patched-up truce would leave the nations more determined than ever to increase their armaments. But if all of them are brought to the brink of bankruptcy and the financially weaker powers are forced to repudiate their debts as is not unlikely, no more huge fleets will ever again be built and giant standing armies will not be seen again.

The Duty of Britain

Springfield Republican: While Bri-

tain stood hesitating Germany has cut the knot. With the same unhesitating audacity with which the Kaiser forced war on Russia and France and disregarded of treaty rights marched his army across the neutral ground of Belgium and Luxemburg, he has thrown down the gauge to England without waiting for the pacific ministry to make up its mind reluctantly to take part in the struggle. It is better so. It is now Britain's duty to strain every nerve to crush this frightful portent of militarism, as by her naval power she crushed the evil genius of Napoleon a century ago. If she had declared war earlier she would have been absolutely justified, both by the claims of honor and by the urgent necessity of protecting her own existence. But the blow has been struck not by her, but at her, and every soul in Great Britain, Ireland and the Empire will respond as one man in defence of the liberties of Europe.

An Act of Hostility

Chicago Tribune: Great Britain needed no specific causes to take advantage of the first opportunity to strike at Germany. The German naval programme as been an act of hostility to Great Britain fully recognized as such. The British Admiralty has asked that there be a limitation of naval armaments, and Germany has refused. Mr. Churchill proposed a suspension of building for a specified period. That proposition was not considered. Britain's security is wholly and utterly dependent upon naval supremacy. It has no army. Its expeditionary force, available for continental service is hardly superior in number to the trained forces of Belgium. Its navy is its life, and when a nation builds against that navy it is attacking British security.

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Quebec, Aug. 24.—A special session of the Quebec Provincial Cabinet the Gouin Government has decided to offer the Imperial military authorities four million pounds of Canadian cheese, for the use of the armies.

As cheese costs the consumer 20 cents per pound, this gift may be said to be worth about \$800,000, though, buying in large quantities, the Government will get it for much less. This fine sum from the French-Canadian Province is significant of Empire unity in the present crisis. Quebec, especially the Eastern Townships, has a large yearly output of cheese, and will probably make, as well as pay for, the gift.

FOOD PRICES FALL IN GREAT BRITAIN; LIVING CHEAP.

Bacon, Butter, Sugar at Normal Figures—Eggs also drop Though the Russian Supply Has Been Cut Off.

London, Aug. 22.—Food prices continue to show a downward tendency, thus completely discrediting alarmist messages cabled to Canada through certain channels. What little panic there was at the outset of the war has altogether ceased. Supplies are abundant and prices almost normal. Even bacon is again selling at a shilling per pound; butter one shilling and fourpence; lump sugar fourpence; granulated sugar three-pence halfpenny. Eggs have also fallen, though the stoppage of large Russian supplies keeps eggs temporarily dear until the Danish sailings are fully resumed.



Proclamation!

W. E. DAVIDSON By His Excellency Sir WALTER EDWARD DAVIDSON, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

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At this very moment the Empire is engaged in the greatest War in the history of the World. In this crisis your country calls on her young men to rally round Her Flag and enlist in the ranks of Her Army.

If every Patriotic young man answers Her Call, Great Britain and the Empire will emerge stronger and more united than ever.

Newfoundland responds to the Homeland's Call and promises to enlist, equip and despatch to England the First Newfoundland Regiment of 500 strong. We want to send our best, and we believe that Britain's Oldest Colony will gain greater honour and glory for Her Name.

If you are between 19 and 35 years old, will you answer your Country's Call? If you will, then go to the nearest Magistrate and enrol your name for service in the fighting line. If you live in St. John's go to the C.L.B. Armoury and enter your name at the Central Recruiting Office, or any evening between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Tickets to St. John's will be provided by the Magistrate free of cost.

The terms of enlistment are: To serve abroad for the duration of the war, but not exceeding one year. It is intended the men shall leave within one month of their enrollment, and that in the meantime they shall receive a course of instruction and training in St. John's.

A complete outfit will be provided. Each private will receive pay at the rate of \$1.00 per day and free rations, from the date of enrollment to the date of return, a portion of which will be paid to dependents left behind, or it will be allowed to accumulate for their personal benefit until termination of service.

Volunteers from outports will be given free passage to St. John's.

Any applicant for service, forwarded by the proper authorities and not accepted after arrival at Headquarters, will be provided with a free passage and maintenance back to his home.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

Given under my Hand and Seal at the Government House, St. John's, this 21st day of August, A.D. 1914.

By His Excellency's Command,
JOHN R. BENNETT,
 Colonial Secretary.

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