

"VICTORY" FLOUR--THE HIGHEST GRADE MILLED

ANOTHER 'HOLE IN THE COAL'

Taxpayer Resents the Insult Hurling at the Laboring People by The Herald on Tuesday Last

(To Editor of the Mail and Advocate.)
Dear Sir--That there is a great "hole in the coal" in this city, to use what is now a historic phrase and one which will bring anything but pleasurable remembrances to the Editor of the Herald, all must unfortunately admit.
In your editorial of yesterday, sir, you dealt ably with the whole question and you give the means of applying at least a successful palliative, if not a conclusive cure.
As a poor man and a tax-payer, there is one aspect of this case to which I would like to refer and that is the contentions and evasions of the Government Press on the matter. The News "rot" served up yesterday by order of our political "Boss Tweed," i.e. E. F., is a case in point and another, of course, is contained in the very cringing and helpful remarks dropped editorially from Morris' lap-dog, little P. T., in yesterday's issue of the "Herald."
Well, all know that Patsy has a consummate share of gall, but for an exhibition of sheer "nerve" his utterances of yesterday are hard to beat.
Hear him--"Economize as much as possible in the use of coal this winter." Now, I can understand a man making the best possible defence of a bad position in politics or law, I can understand an evasion of facts to save a faulty case or the liberal use of the proverbial "red herring" to allay the morally bad aroma, the result of doubtful deeds, but I cannot stand for and must reprobate with all the force at my command--the cool, calculated insult hurled yesterday at men, women and children suffering the pangs of cold, in one of the most ruzed and frigid countries in the world by such a contemptible little skunk as he who edits the mud-rag of Prescott Street.
You poor people, who are compelled to buy your coal by the quarter ton at \$10.80 the ton, you surely have quite a margin on which to practice economy. You poor creatures on the bleak higher levels, who purchase your coal by the ten cent pail, take McGrath's kindly advice and "economize."
Presumably P. T. forgets the historic and mirth-provoking phrase of a few years ago "there's a great hole in the coal," and this mushroom honorable, this brummagem aristocrat, undertakes to insult honest, if poor, people. Does he forget his own "lean" years? Would he be reminded of other days? Was he always a "blue blooded" as he would wish certain folk with whom he now hobnobs to believe?

Did any of his "honourable" friends find it convenient to borrow coal, or anything else, from the poor, if honest, dwellers in classic Kichham's Lane.
Now, Patsy, the less you can say about economy or coal, especially when you undertake to insult better people than yourself, the better it will be for you.
Your patron the "Patriot" E. P. who "draws no salary" but yet manages to scrape along--no doubt has more than a quarter of a ton of "black diamonds" in his cellar, and also no doubt says, as he said once before--"to h--- with public opinion" in this controversy. But he will soon learn that our people will ultimately refuse to suffer more. Certainly they will not brook Patsy McGrath's insults. Their misery at present is enough to bear and the sooner the ponderous Premier, fat with the spoils of office and the good things of earth, bestirs himself in this coal matter, the better. And the quicker he calls off the unsavory Patsy, the better for himself.
Thanking you in anticipation for publication and enclosing my name and address--Yours indignantly,
POOR TAXPAYER,
St. John's, an. 4, 1915.

OUR VOLUNTEERS.
After drill in the morning the men went for a route march in Torbay Road yesterday. Lieut. Rendell in command. They made excellent time. There enlisted yesterday:
Walter Snow, Bay Roberts.
Matthew Murphy, St. John's.
Richard Byrne, St. John's.
Albert Sexton, Bonavista.

JUVENILE SOCIETY'S TREAT
The members of the Juvenile T. A. Society will be given their annual treat this afternoon and a most enjoyable time is in store for the boys. At 5 p.m. they, with their Guardians, will attend a moving picture show at Rossley's Star theatre, after which they will return to the Armory and will be served with a sumptuous tea. President W. J. Ellis of the parent branch and the officers will be present, and at night the adults will hold a dance to the music of the Senior Society's fine brass band.

THE HOME'S REPORT.
The S.S. Home, Capt. Gooble, reached Humbermouth yesterday from her last trip down the Straits. She went as far as Forteau and landed mail passengers and freight. She had cold weather with snow and found Forteau Harbor filled with ice.

Riverside Blankets. The more you wear them the better you'll like them.--dec29,6i

Armed Steamer Has Surrendered
LONDON, Jan. 6.--The German armed steamer "Kengani" surrendered on Dec. 26th to a British naval expedition on Lake Tanganyika, in Central Africa an official statement announces to-night. The action lasted ten minutes and all the German officers were killed. The steamer, despite her sinking condition, was brought into port.

Germans Suffer From Air Raids
PARIS, Jan. 6.--Allied airmen bombarding Givogeli, in Southern Serbia, in the course of a reconnaissance, destroyed German sheds and the German airmen's camp, according to a Havas despatch from Athens under Tuesday's date.

THE MUNITIONS FACTORY
We learn that the new munitions factory about to be established here will be opened in the building on Water Street West, formerly known as Sadbury Tannery. Quite a number of mechanics and others will be employed there in the making of shells &c., and machinery adopted to the work to be performed will soon be installed in the building.

OUR THEATRES

THE NICKEL.

The mid-week programme at the Nickel theatre last evening attracted large audiences. This was as expected because all are interested in and following the "Exploits of Elaine." The previous chapters were highly thrilling, but yesterday's was more sensational than all the others. Everyone who saw it expressed the opinion that nothing to compare with it had ever been presented here before. Arnold Daly, Sheldon Lewis and Pearl White who are in the principal roles are a trio it would be extremely difficult to surpass. The other pictures were of that high class always to be seen at the Nickel, but the great attraction was "The Clutching Hand." The entire programme will be repeated this evening, and we advise all our readers to attend. Tomorrow there will be a Charlie Chaplin comedy.

ROSSLEY'S.

Being Old Christmas Day there is a capital bill at Rossley's. The splendid pantomime, "Beauty and the Beast" with many new numbers will be given. The show is now going with a grand swing, with every one up in their parts. Mr. Ballard Brown and Miss Madge Locke, are the life and soul of the show. Mr. Ballard Brown, as the Baron, is very fine in his part, his singing of his great Scotch song, receiving much applause, while Miss Madge Locke as the enchanted Prince, is positively marvelous. The dancing and singing throughout the whole show, are up to date. They are the finest couple in the whole of the show business to-day. There are sixty members in the cast. The biggest show on earth at the price.

LONG SOUGHT FOR MAN ARRESTED.
Early last fall a well-known resident of the West End attacked and beat a Naval Reservist and a warrant was sworn out for his arrest, but never served, as the man got away to Russia in one of the Ventures. Yesterday evening officers Dooley and Vokeley found a man acting very disorderly on Water Street, and placed him under arrest. He resisted violently and they had to handcuff him, after which they discovered that this was the man "wanted" so long for the attack on the Reservist.

The Parade Rink will NOT be open to-night.--jan6,li

Curlers Get Busy
President and Vice-President Trophy--Red vs. Blue. Continued from last session. Jan. 11th.
Reid Trophy--Natives vs. All Comers. Jan. 13th.
Reid Medal--Points open to all. Jan. 14th.
Taylor Medal--Points for Curlers of two years' standing and under. Jan. 14th.
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Greiner Cup--Inter-Division, Red vs. White. Jan. 27th.
Buchanan Cup--Inter-Division, Blue vs. Green. Feb. 1st.
T. & A. Cup--Inter-Division, Blue vs. Red. Feb. 3rd.
Cowan Medal--Points. Open to all. Feb. 8th.
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Mr. H. R. Brooks has kindly presented a medal for a handicap Point Game, to be arranged.

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Who Made Off With the Goats?

Report Says a Civic Employee Put Over a "Bronco Billy" Stunt--Was Armed to the Teeth When Making the Raid

Not long since as stated by some of our contemporaries, the premises of a widow, a resident of Hoylestown, was entered and milk goats which she kept for the use of her little family were taken, or as the papers had it were stolen. The owner was justly indignant and the matter was referred to the police.
We learn from a reliable source that the author of the theft was no other than a Civic employee, whose zeal outdrew his discretion. It is true that goats are not allowed to be kept within the city limits but the action of the said city servitor seems to constitute an offence akin to burglary or some such other serious misdemeanour.
It is also said that the man carried a loaded revolver which is another offence against the law. If what we hear is true--and of course we are subject to correction--then a rigid investigation should be given; the matter by the Civic Commission.

We advise trappers to send their Furs to Nfld. Fox Exchange, 276 Water Street.--nov23

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SHIPPING

The Annie, Capt. Wakeham, is making a long run from Bahia to this port, being 50 days out.

The schr. John Pritchard left Twillingate yesterday for Gibraltar with 3600 qtls Labrador codfish.

The schr. Hazel L. Ritchie cleared from Nipper's Hr. for Gloucester with 1150 bris herring for the Gorton Pew Co.

The schr. Athlete arrived at Gloucester yesterday from Bonne Bay with herring.

The schr. John Parker, which loaded codfish at Crosbie & Co's made a smart run to Oporto, getting over in 15 days.

The Clyde and Ethie are now due back at Lewisporte and after taking another load of freight each will make their last trip around the Bay, which will be an extra one this season.

The S.S. Louisiana which towed the Coban here yesterday finished discharging her coal here and left for Louisburg. She will load coal again for here.

The S.S. Fogota arrived here last night from North Sydney with a full cargo of coal for Crosbie & Co. She had fine weather coming and going and made a quick round trip.

The S.S. Bloodhound, now in the dry dock, is being thoroughly overhauled and will receive extension repairs at the hands of shipwright S. Butler. She will be in fine condition for the sealishery when finished.

Riverside Blankets and Yarns made up to a Standard, not down to a price.--dec29,6i

SERIES OF SHOP THEFTS
Yesterday we referred to the case of a boy endeavoring to steal the contents of the till from Mrs. Marshall's store, Freshwater Road. We learn that for weeks past similar thefts have been occurring on the higher levels and it is believed this boy is the perpetrator. The game worked was to enter the shops during meal hours and noiselessly get away with the contents of the tills.

SERIOUS COASTING ACCIDENT.
A boy aged seven was run down on Carter's Hill last night by two young men who were coasting. His arm was broken, back hurt and some ribs broken, and Dr. O'Connell worked on him for an hour during which time he was unconscious. It was feared for hours that he would not recover.

MORE DIPHTHERIA CASES
Yesterday a man aged 29, of Dugan Street, and a girl aged 18 of McDougall Street, were taken to Hospital ill of diphtheria. A little girl of Howley Avenue is being nursed at home.

Nfld. Fox Exchange at 276 Water Street, pays highest prices for all kinds of Raw Foxes.--nov23

BELL ISLAND SERVICE
The S. S. Port Saunders, which had been doing the Bay of Islands mail route for some months past and which returned here a few days ago, is now doing the Bell Island, Portugal Cove and Kelligrews service, replacing the lost Othar. Capt. Jabez Dawe is in charge.

Llewellyn Club's Formal Opening

The Governor Will Deliver a Lecture on the Balkans--Short Musical Programme Has Been Arranged

The formal opening of Llewellyn Club of St. Thomas's Church takes place at Canon Wood Hall this evening at 8 o'clock. His Excellency the Governor has kindly consented to deliver a Lecture on the present situation in the Balkans which is at present absorbing world wide attention. A short musical programme has been arranged and a number of our most leading talent will contribute. His Lordship the Bishop, the Honorary President of the Club, will also be present and it is hoped that every male member of the Parish will attend and bring a friend with them. At the close of the Lecture there will be a social hour and a number of young ladies from St. Margaret's Guild will serve light refreshments. The Committee extend a hearty and cordial invitation to all men who would like to attend.

HOW THE POOR SUFFER
We were told to-day by citizens who know the facts of what they relate, that a poor old widow whose only son is in the trenches at the front, was all last week without coal and had to be helped by her neighbors, themselves poor. Another case is that of an old man who has three sons, his only support, fighting for King and Empire, and it is from the like of these that our bloated monopolistic "Patriots," save the mark, would squeeze the blood money for coal, and then put down these Judas Sheekels opposite their names to patriotic lists. Patriotism is dead easy under such circumstances but the evils of the patriots have been unmasked. And P. T. McGrath, whose advice is to 'economize, thinks the Barons have been quite fair. Well if Patsy does, the public does not--Com.

SCHOONER SHELTERS HERE
The schr. Alma Nelson put in here last night out of the storm on her way from Sydney to Hr. Grace with coal. She got down as far as Torbay but had to run back from there. She was also forced to shelter on her voyage at Burin and Trepassy.

SHOULDN'T COME HERE.
Mr. Eli Whiteway asks us to say that it is absolutely useless for females to come here now looking for admission to Hospital unless they are particularly urgent cases. There are enough female patients waiting to be admitted to fill the women's wards three times over.

LOST AND FOUND.
Last evening, a man who was formerly an outport school teacher and is now a Naval Reservist, came to the police in great excitement, saying that he had lost a wallet containing \$46. After a thorough search had been made it was found in a city pharmacy, where the man had made a small purchase and the honest employees put it carefully away, when they discovered it on the counter.

CHILDREN PLACED.--Thomas Warren, of Woods Island, Bay of Islands, wish to place two motherless children aged nine and five years. Any person willing to take such children as their own, should communicate with the above.--jan4,tf,daily

LOCAL ITEMS

To-day the Feast of the Epiphany there was a Holy Communion Service held in the Church of England Cathedral and a large and devout congregation attended.

Riverside Blankets. Insist on getting them.--dec29,6i

At 10.30 a.m. to-day a large congregation St. Mary's Church, Southside. There were special intecessory services for the Naval and Military forces of the King and also a celebration of the Holy Communion.

A party who is well known to the proprietor took an overcoat New Year's Eve from the restaurant of Mr. P. Butler, Water Street. Unless it is returned forthwith the matter will be placed in the hands of the police.

Monsieur and Madame Bidet and their daughter Mademoiselle Jean Bidet, as well as French Consul Suzor, leave by this evening's express for Montreal where the Consul will be reunited in Hymens Bonds to the young lady.

Riverside Blankets are made from selected woods.--dec29,6i

SUFFERS FROM FROST BITE.
Mr. Tasker Cook to-day had a communication from the Colonial Secretary saying that his son Private Wm. Cook, No. 553, had been admitted to the Third London General Hospital suffering from frost bite received while fighting in the trenches at Gallipoli. The young soldier's many friends here will hope that his injuries are not serious.

THANKS.
We desire to thank Mr. C. A. C. Bruce for a pretty wall calendar for 1916, as also Mr. Walter Edgar, the agent of the British North America Assurance Co.

POLICE COURT NEWS.
Mr. Hutchings, K.C., presided to-day. A drunk in charge of a horse was fined \$2.00 or 7 days and a disorderly \$5.00 or 14 days. The same was then fined a similar amount for disorderly conduct committed last fall and for which a warrant was issued for his arrest. Another disorderly was fined \$2.00 or 7 days.

A SAD CASE.
Yesterday a Mrs. Foley of St. Bride's arrived here by train for the Lunatic Asylum. Her husband who came with her is ill and was taken to the Hospital by Mr. Whiteway.

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