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A NEW EMPIRE

JULES CLEMENCEAU, in his journal, "L'Homme Enchaîné," discussing post bellum possibilities, says: "We shall respect ourselves by respecting the conquered, even though they are irreparably dishonored by their unparalleled excesses and terrible atrocities. We could not, without being false to our natures and without incurring the eternal reproaches of our descendants, basely betray the cause for which they have poured out their blood, by recoiling before the duty of taking all necessary precautions in order that the establishment of a durable peace should at least be assured."

"Germany will not be suppressed to-morrow. She will wish to recuperate, and no one can blame her. Her resources in initiative and methodical organization will not be less powerful than before. Not having been able to destroy us in war, she will renew her attempt to peaceful absorption. The peace therefore must be ours and not hers—for ourselves, who have human law to preserve, in the establishment of a New Europe, and for her that can only be regenerated by returning under our auspices to the civilized condition that one day, I hope at any rate, she will be ashamed of having repudiated. I would state that the coming peace will be the better and more solid in so far as our victory is the more complete."

It isn't the way of the British, In the fight for Country and King, On the fair white field of their valor, The shadow of shame to bring, There isn't a man in the army, There isn't a lad on the sea, Would dim the light of his honor, By a deed of infamy.

KIEL CANAL

REAR-ADMIRAL DEGOUY of the French Navy says that an effective way to solve the North sea problem would be the bottling up of the German High Seas Fleet in the Kiel Canal. German engineers admit that the work on the Canal, which was executed in a hurry, gives it very insufficient grounds for security. They admit that the lack of stability of the Levensau Bridge constitutes a permanent menace to its navigation. The greater number of the railway and road bridges, being uncovered, could easily be destroyed by an aerial fleet. Nor is this all: the banks of the Canal are loosely built, on account of the clayey nature of the soil. The same insecurity exists in the wide marshes east of Rendsburg; and infiltrations undermine the banks which were hurriedly constructed when the Canal was widened. Thus a well-studied and well-combined attack of an aerial fleet on the Kiel Canal could produce very interesting results. Not only could this waterway be obstructed for several days with wreckage, but the Canal itself could be destroyed at several points, and the disaster would be the greater because the lack of interior locks would not permit the localization of the effects, so far as the height of the water-level is concerned. A vigorous blow by the English fleet in the direction of—

WOMEN OF FRANCE

A WRITER in "Blackwood's" pays a splendid tribute to the women of France whose devotion to la cause is an inspiration to all who come in contact with them. Madame is one of the most wonderful women in the world. During the absence of her husband and sons who are fighting, she knows not where she has to manage the farm, and in addition to her duties as fermière, she is called upon to maintain her menage as a combination of barracks and almshouse. She is up by half-past four every morning; yet she never appears to go to bed at night; and she spends her evenings discussing war events with her soldiers who gather around the fiver telling of the deeds of valor of "Henri or Jacques" away in the Vosges, or on the fields of La Champagne. She has been doing this, day in day out, since the combatants settled down to trench warfare. Each week brings her a new batch of tenants, and she assimilates them all no matter what may be their foibles or proclivities.

The only approach to a breakdown comes when, ere you depart from her humble abode, after wishing her "Bonne Chance" you venture on a reference to her absent sons and husband. Then tears gather in her eyes, and she weeps copiously, and it seems to do her a world of good.

OFFICERS COME TO TRAIN MEN.

By the last express there arrived here fourteen members of the Royal Navy, who went on board the H.M.S. "Briton" to engage in the work of training our Reservists. The men have served many years in the Royal Navy and some have been so long in the Service that they are receiving a pension. The men consist of gunners, artificers, A.B.'s, stokers and they will remain here until the close of the war.

READ THE MAIL & ADVOCATE

CLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS

MAY 27

VICE-ADMIRAL GAMBIER appointed Governor of Newfoundland, 1802.

The Orphan Asylum first opened, 1827.

Corner stone George's Street Methodist Church laid by Hon. Stephen Rendell, M.H.A., 1872.

Steamer Lizzie (for Conception Bay mail service) launched at Pugwash, N.S., 1866.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Carfagnini (Bishop of Hr. Grace) appointed Bishop of Gallipoli, for which place he left this day, 1880.

An address presented to Archdeacon Kelly by the congregation of the Church of England Cathedral on the occasion of his leaving Newfoundland for England, 1867.

Three men (Pierce, White and Connors) drowned at Twillingate, 1866.

John McBride died, 1882.

A cricket match between teetotalers and moderate drinkers; the former won. Hers are the names of the players: Teetotalers—John Flannery, Captain; E. Shea, E. Mutch, C. P. Crowdy, T. J. Edens, J. Robinson, T. F. Walsh, F. Morris, W. Emerson, D. Browning and J. Savage; W. B. Kelli-grew, Umpire. Moderate Drinkers—T. Parker, W. C. Job, E. R. Bowring, C. Raynes, C. R. Duder, Albert Knight, Arthur Clift, John Winter, Joseph Peters, A. Bayley and F. Barnes; John Kelly, Umpire, 1886.

MAY 28

Richard Neyle, hardware merchant, opened business. Mr. Neyle's business is the oldest in town in which the founder is alive. He never failed nor compromised during his over half century of commercial life, 1849.

Frederick R. Page, Sr., died, 1870.

Governor Hill knighted K.C.M.G., 1874.

On this day, Robert J. Parsons, editor of The Patriot newspaper, was sentenced by Judge Boulton to three months imprisonment, in the common jail, or pay a fine of fifty pounds to the King, for refusing to disclose the author of a letter, signed "Stick a Pin Here," published in his columns on the 17th of May, reflecting on the judicial honesty of Judge Boulton. The fine was promptly subscribed by the editor's political admirers, and the man himself released in a few days. This is the letter:—

"We understand that a lecture was delivered in the Court-house yesterday, to the Grand and Petit Juries on the opening of the Central Circuit Court by the President of the Council in his capacity of Chief Justice, on the very great benefits which hanging the people confers on society, arising, no doubt, from its sedative effects upon the human system, which, to the uninitiated, are truly astonishing. The same excellent plan is to be followed up, in order to quell the fiery spirits, which at this moment, keep up a wholesale ripple on the surface of society, which it would appear fearfully disturbs the repose of the honorable lecturer and all other despots who shall dare to subvert the charters of the land, and plant in their stead the unloved principles of arbitrary sway! Go it, ye cripples!"—1835.

Patrick J. Scott admitted to Bar, 1873.

Charles W. H. Tessier married, 1878.

Rev. John Russell died, 1878.

Sir Frederick B. T. Carter appointed Chief Justice, 1880.

James J. Milley and John L. Davis admitted to Bar, 1887.

Rt. Hon. W. Ewart Gladstone buried, 1898.

The 'Lornina' Bounty Case

Enquiry is Taken Out of Mr. Berteau's Hands and a Commission Appointed--The Opposition Object to Such a Proceeding and Protest Against It.

ON Thursday Mr. Berteau wrote Mr. Coaker intimating that the Government had appointed a Commission to enquire into the payment of \$824 to M. P. Cashin as bounty on the "Lornina," and that he would not hold the investigation that he had recently intimated to Mr. Coaker he would hold into that matter. The Commission consisted of Jesse Whiteway, R. T. McGrath and Mr. Berteau. Mr. Coaker at once submitted the intimation of Mr. Berteau to the Opposition Party and Dr. Lloyd, on behalf of the Opposition Party, has lodged a strong protest against such an outrage upon the public with His Excellency the Governor.

The Commission named would be considered as no better than a "Whitewashing Commission," as the public well know that Jesse Whiteway is a defeated Tory candidate and received a large slice of the patronage of the public institutions as the public accounts show; while R. T. McGrath is a subordinate of Cashin's.

What is wanted is—

- (a) An investigation by Mr. Berteau into the payment of \$824 to Cashin as Bounty on the "Lornina," which it is claimed Cashin was not entitled to receive.
- (b) An investigation into the conduct of Surveyors of Shipping in issuing a certificate for Bounty on a vessel not built according to the Act.
- (c) A Marine Court of Enquiry by capable men competent to deal with such marine matters, to enquire into the loss of the "Lornina" and whether she was fit to be sent on a foreign voyage.

This matter is a very serious one and must be handled impartially and non-politically, so far as action by the authorities is concerned. The following letter was received by Mr. Coaker from the Auditor General on the 25th:—

MR. BERTEAU'S LETTER

St. John's, May 25, 1916.

SIR,—

Referring to my letter to you of the 10th inst., in relation to the payment of bounty for the Schooner "Lornina":

I have the honour to advise you that a Commission has been directed by His Excellency the Governor to Mr. Jesse Whiteway, Mr. R. T. McGrath and myself to enquire into this matter. The enquiry I proposed to conduct in my capacity as Auditor General will therefore cease, and the whole matter will be taken up by the Commission specially appointed.

The Commission, of which I am the Chairman, will no doubt ask you to attend before it and give evidence, and you will receive due notice of the time and place your attendance will be required.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,
Your obedient servant,
F. C. BERTEAU,
Comptroller and Auditor General.

W. F. Coaker, Esq., M.H.A.,
City.

John L. Mews, Stipendiary Magistrate, died at Old Perlican, 1875.

Count DeCourcy died in hospital here; he was a man of education and refinement, but led a Bohemian existence. He boasted of being of the nobility of France, but that his family had been disappointed, 1888.

Richard Singleton, who killed James Coffee at Spaniard's Bay, found guilty of manslaughter, 1873.

Alexander M. McKay received news of his appointment as Provincial Grand Master of Masons under Scottish jurisdiction in this Island, 1868.

Aiden McLoughlan (son of Hon. James McLoughlan) died, 1895.

James Stewart (of J. & W. Stewart) died at Greenock, 1895.

ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

The action of the Government in refusing to allow Mr. Berteau to proceed with his enquiry under the Audit Act and the appointment by the Government of a Commission called forth the following official protest to the Governor from the Opposition Party in the House of Assembly:—

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THE PROTEST

St. John's, May 25, 1916.

To His Excellency Sir Walter Davidson, K.C.M.G.,
City.

SIR:

I most respectfully desire to draw your attention to the Commission which I understand has been directed through the advice of your Ministers from you to Mr. Jesse Whiteway, Mr. R. T. McGrath and Mr. F. C. Berteau, Comptroller and Auditor General, to enquire into the matter of the payment of bounty of the schooner "Lornina." It may not be known to Your Excellency that Mr. Berteau in his capacity as Auditor General has already arranged to enquire into the matter before this Commission was specially appointed to deal with it. It is particularly a matter dealing with the expenditure of public moneys, inquiries into which are specially conferred on the Auditor General by the Audit Act, 1899. It, therefore, appears to me an illegal proceeding to supersede the functions of his office by the Commission recently appointed. In a letter directed to Mr. Coaker by Mr. F. C. Berteau he states that "the inquiry which I proposed to conduct myself in my capacity as Auditor General will, therefore, cease, and the whole matter will be taken up by the Commission recently appointed."

I would also direct your attention to the personnel of the Commission, other than the Auditor General. Mr. Jesse Whiteway is a member of the political party of which the Hon. M. P. Cashin belongs. He was a member of the House of Assembly from 1909 to 1913, and a supporter of Sir Edward Morris. At the last election he was a candidate of the same party. As to Mr. R. T. McGrath, he holds the office of Inspector of Customs, and is, therefore, a subordinate in the department over which the Hon. M. P. Cashin presides. As the inquiry relates to an alleged payment to the Hon. M. P. Cashin of bounty for the schooner "Lornina," Your Excellency will see the impropriety of Mr. Jesse Whiteway, and, particularly, of a subordinate of the Hon. M. P. Cashin, being members of the Commission of inquiry. I, therefore, desire to protest most strongly and respectfully against the issue of this Commission, and would suggest to Your Excellency the recall of the Commission which has been issued, and the leaving of the inquiry in the hands of Mr. F. C. Berteau the Auditor General, who is removed by the tenor of his office from all political and other influences, and in whom we have every reason to have confidence.

I am, Your Excellency,

Yours most respectfully,

W. F. LLOYD,
Leader of the Opposition
in the House of Assembly.

To which the Governor replied as follows:—

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REPLY

Government House,
St. John's, Newfoundland,

26 May, 1916.

SIR,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated the 25th instant conveying your protest, in your capacity as Leader of the Opposition in the House of Assembly, to the composition of the Commission appointed to enquire into the matter of the payment of bounty of the schooner Lornina.

I shall lay your protest before my Ministers for their consideration.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) W. E. DAVIDSON,
Governor.

W. F. Lloyd, Esq., D.C.L.,
Leader of the Opposition,
in the House of Assembly.

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