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ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND, MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 1918.

THE DAILY NEWS, ardent supporter of a Union of Parties when an election was due, has revealed the extent of its regard to save the Country from the disturbing influences of an election by coming out this morning against such a Union when it is probable that the leader of the Liberal-Union Party, Dr. Lloyd, is to head the National Government.

With Dr. Lloyd in the same position, it will not do at all. We fail to appreciate why this is so, though we may surmise that, after all, political aims are thought of even more than the desirability of a National Government. The Daily News cannot charge itself in the past five months with much zealousness to help the Government, appreciate their work, or even give much attention to the fact that a united effort was being made to govern the Colony by the wisdom contained in both political parties. With Sir Edward Morris's resignation we have nothing to do. As he has resigned, the leadership naturally devolves upon Dr. Lloyd, and it is to be hoped that the Country's interest will be still the aim of all the members of the National Government, and that their support will be given loyally to him.

The Daily News also lends its columns to-day to the insinuations and the false reports spread through the City last week with reference to the Government and the Tonnage Committee. That Committee is ready, as was said in this paper on Monday, to face any inquiry. It has worked at an unusual period and with unusual methods to see that supplies reached the Island, and that our exports were sent out of the Island. The results have more than justified the wise move in appointing the Committee, and if there are any disgruntlers, it is because they overlook all the immense benefits that have been conferred upon the Trade and concentrate their attention on fancied wrongs that may be do not exist at all, or at least do not exist because of any action of the Tonnage Committee. Let them ask themselves seriously what would have been the result if there had been no Tonnage Committee. Had any Government ever even conceived the idea of so exerting a central control of Tonnage that would ensure a fair chance that our fishery produce would reach our markets? The idle rumours on Water Street last week are without foundation, and it is regrettable that we have so much smallness that will swallow so easily stories that if true would constitute such a serious state of affairs.

As a matter of fact the Tonnage Committee, during the last few days, has received a letter from the Exporters, saying that they do not need any more steamers, and that they have sufficient tonnage. This is an absolute refutation of The Daily News' insinuations about the relations between the Trade and the Tonnage Committee.

Let The Daily News go to the West and North of the Island, and ask there if the National Government has been a success. Ask the fishermen, who have enjoyed unprecedented prices for their fish owing to the exertions of the National Government, if the Union Party has been a success. But there is no necessity to add to the argument.

The real sting of the new leadership is apparent in the attack on the F.P.U. in The Daily News this morning. It is because of the audacity of the F.P.U. in entering politics. That is the root and bottom of the complaint of The Daily News. The F.P.U. is a political party, just as the People's Party, the Liberal Party, the Tory Party, the Conservative Party, and the Labour Party, and the whole fault of it lies in the fact that the F.P.U. is so thoroughly organized that no catch-cries or political sophistries can break their ranks. The attack on Dr. Lloyd, Mr. Coaker and Mr. Halfyard as a danger to the Country is too childish to be considered seriously. The F.P.U. certainly would be without backbone if it did not have some ideals for the Country's betterment. No one can afford to be without a thought of his Country's interest, or a desire to bring it to the forefront in the matter of sound and popular legislation.

And of whom does the F.P.U. consist? That is the question that will reveal the unsound argument of The News that the F.P.U. should not enter politics. The Fishermen's Union is a body of 23,000 men. It is not a Corporation of a few shareholders, but of thousands, and The Daily News fancied opinion that such a body of men is a danger to the Country will not be echoed in many minds, nor will it be belied by the F.P.U. members and the fishermen throughout the Colony. The F.P.U. is the fisherman's friend every time, and has proven itself so to be time after time. It is exerting an influence in the National Government to-day, and properly so because its policies are such as commend themselves to any reasonable Government.

Telegram From Lady Davidson To the W.P.A.

New York, Dec. 31st, 1917.
Affectionate greetings to the Executive Committee and Committees, and Members of the Women's Patriotic Association. My heart is with you in your work this coming year.

MARGARET DAVIDSON.

The friends of Miss Mona Hogan, Waterford Bridge Road, will be sorry to hear that she went to hospital Sunday suffering from a slight attack of diphtheria.

Royal Sympathy

Government House, St. John's, 31st December, 1917

I am commanded by the King and Queen to convey to you the following from Their Majesties:

The King and Queen deeply regret the loss you and the Army have sustained by the death in action on the 20th. of November of your son, Lieut. John F. Edens, in the service of his country. Their Majesties truly sympathize with you in your sorrow.

C. ALEXANDER HARRIS, Governor.
T. J. Edens, Esq., Queen's Road.

SIR EDWARD MORRIS RESIGNS

London,

19 November, 1917.

TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF ST. JOHN'S WEST.
MY DEAR FRIENDS.—

I first thought of addressing this message to the Electors in your District only, but on reflection I felt that this would be too limited a definition to embrace all my many friends who reside within the boundaries of my old Constituency.

In the session of the Legislature which closed in August last, an Act was passed extending the life of the present Parliament until the year 1918, when a General Election will be held. During the Session a Coalition Government, under my leadership, was formed, composed equally of members of the Government and Opposition parties in the Legislature. This Coalition was brought about in the interests of the Colony with a view of furthering harmony in the country, and in the hope that by the union of parties, united action and co-operation might be secured in dealing with those important questions upon which the country and the Legislature will be called to pass in the very near future.

It was felt that the pressing needs of country and Empire demanded that no such turmoil, as the duel of parties in a General Election would create, should be entertained. In view, therefore, of a General Election being held during the coming year, I have to answer the question as to whether I shall again seek at your hands a renewal of your confidence by offering as a candidate for your District, and the further and more important question from the public standpoint, as well as that of my colleagues, whether I should at the present juncture lead a party at the Polls.

Both questions are important, both for you and for me, and I feel that no time should be lost in making public my decision in relation thereto.

Through no person or body do I feel that I can more fitly answer these questions than through you, who for over thirty-two years have given me an unwavering and loyal support in sunshine and in storm; you who were the means of enabling me to do any little good which I may have accomplished during the years of my public career.

After a very careful consideration I have decided to retire, at least for the present, from Parliamentary life, and at the next General Election I will not be a candidate for your District. This decision will necessitate at an early day my resignation of the high offices I hold from the Crown, especially the office of Prime Minister of the Colony, as well as the leadership of the political party with which for some years I have been associated. I hope no one will think I am acting unreasonably in seeking to be relieved of the growing and constant strain of leadership of Party, which I have borne for over ten years.

I have considered the question as to whether in resigning the leadership of the Party, as well as the Head of the Government, I might not still continue as a Member of the Legislature, but I felt that such a decision would not be conducive to the union of political forces so desirable at the present time.

I have been for thirty-two years in the Legislature, representing your District the whole of that time. I have been, during that period, a Member of the Cabinet for twenty-four years. Only a few of those who were colleagues of mine in those early days now remain.

"I feel like one who treads alone
A banquet hall deserted,
Whose lights are fled, whose garlands dead
And all but him departed."

The ever increasing work of the Office of Prime Minister bears no comparison with the duties of that Office when first known to me. The work is daily growing, and anyone who endeavours to perform the duties thoroughly will have no time for any other task. Every moment of the day, and often of the night, at the public Office and in the home is fully taken up. I never would have been able to perform the duties except for the generous support of my colleagues in the representation of St. John's West, in the Cabinet, and in representing a District always lenient to my shortcomings, never exacting, especially of late years, and by the people of the country generally, who loyally supported me in three General Elections.

My association with my colleagues in the Coalition Government, the united manner in which they have dealt with the large problems which they have been called upon to decide, justifies me in believing that the experiment has more than borne out the expectations of its supporters.

I resign my office of Leader of the Government at this early date, as it will afford ample time for my successor and his colleagues to make all preparations for the General Election, and enable them to lay before the Country that policy upon which the Country will be asked to pronounce.

In the generation which I have passed in the Newfoundland Legislature, I have witnessed a marked improvement in the life of the people from every standpoint—they are living better, dressing better, the conditions of life are easier, or were before the coming on of the great War. The means of travelling on land and sea are increased and are safer, and the opportunities for employment are so diversified that no industrious man need be idle. Further, the grants for Education, relief of the poor, care of the sick and assistance for the deserving aged, are all increased; but, better than all, the earning powers of the people have more than doubled.

This is best shown by the value of our Exports, the sure test of the purchasing power of our people, the means at their disposal of paying for what they import.

In 1885, the first year I was elected to the Legislature, the population of Newfoundland was 200,000; the value of our Exports, that year was \$6,000,000 or \$30 per head of our population, or roughly \$150 per family.

In 1913, the last normal year, the population of Newfoundland was 240,000; the value of our Exports amounted to \$16,000,000 or \$70 per head of the population or \$350 per family.

Further, there is the better class of house in which our people reside, the improved value that their lands have acquired by clearing, as well as the live stock on their farms, and their equipment and gear appertaining to the fisheries. Nor do I see any indication that this gradual growth in wealth and comfort is not likely to continue. On the contrary I foresee an early development in our Fisheries, both in the quality and variety caught as well as the profitable modes in curing and preparing the same for market.

The period of reconstruction after the War should produce a great boom in the Mining and Industrial, Settlement and Agricultural development of the Colony. This can all be accomplished without any

Rev. T. Nangle Writes Relative of Lieut. Tobin

Following is a copy of a letter received from Rev. Capt. Nangle by a relative of the late 2nd Lieut. James Tobin of the Newfoundland Regiment, 1st Newfoundland.

B. E. F., 26/11/17.

Dear —
Long before you get this you will have had the news of Jimmie's death. I had not reached the Regiment by that date but joined a day or so later. I at once went out in search and recovered the body. A sniper got him right through the heart. I should say he was dead before he hit the ground. He fell at the head of his men, leading the whole Regiment to the Bridge Head. The day before, Father Davis paid them all a visit and prepared them for the time.

Jimmie was a brave soldier and a good Catholic. He died in the place of honor, doing his duty; more can't be said of any man. I do not know his mother's address; would you kindly pass this letter along. I am enclosing a pin. It was the only thing on his body I may send you.

Yours sincerely,
(Sgd.) T. NANGLE.

At 8 o'clock to-night the Vocal and Instrumental Recital commences in Cochrane St. Centennial Church. Come and spend an enjoyable hour. Admission free to all. Silver collection.—li

War Menus

(Prepared by Committees of the W. P. A. at the Request of the Food Control Board.)

THURSDAY.			
Breakfast.			
Griddle Cakes	Syrup		
Coffee or Tea	Sugar	Milk	
Dinner.			
Mutton Pies	Mashed Potatoes		
	Parsnips		
Stewed Prunes	Oatmeal Cookies		
Supper (or Luncheon).			
Macaroni or Spaghetti with Tomato			
French Fried Potatoes			
Apples Stewed	Tea Buns		
Tea	Sugar	Milk	
Griddle Cakes—1 cup whole wheat flour, one-half cup cornmeal, one-half cup bran, one-half cup white flour, 2 heaping teaspoons baking powder, 1 tablespoonful brown sugar and 1 level teaspoonful salt well sifted together and the coarse part put back with the sifted ingredients.			
Beat 1 egg well, add milk, or part milk and part water, add to dry ingredients to make a thin batter. Bake or fry as ordinary griddle cakes.			
Macaroni or Spaghetti with Tomato			
One quarter package macaroni in boiling water which has been salted.			
600k until tender. Pour a can of Campbell's tomato soup over it after it has been drained and put in a pie dish or covered dish. Salt and pepper to taste, and bake about 15 minutes. This will make enough for 4 persons.			

Masons and Carpenters Wanted

The following telegram has been received by Mr. Slattery at the City Hall, from R. S. Low, Colonel Mgr. Reconstruction, Halifax:—
Secy. Halifax Relief Committee: We have been referred to you by J. R. Bennett. Please wire how many carpenters and bricklayers you can send here. Wages forty cents per hour for carpenters and fifty cents per hour for bricklayers. Board will cost them four dollars per week. Rush reply.

(Sgd.) R. S. LOW,
Colonel Mgr. Reconstruction.
Hon. J. R. Bennett has informed Mr. Slattery that he understands from Mr. Low that if the men work till the spring, all transportation charges will be paid.

very large capital expenditure in the construction of Railways or additional Steam subsidies. In other words we can fairly say we have been preparing for expansion in every department of our industrial life and that the next 25 years should witness far greater activity along the lines indicated, than in any similar period of the Colony's history.

Under other circumstances I would feel more keenly this severance of political ties—if, for instance, I was leaving behind me political parties torn asunder in factions, country lost sight of in party strife and personal considerations, but I am greatly solaced by the knowledge that those who combined with me, less than a year ago, in forming a National Government, one and all did so for King and Country, and that until our barque of Empire once more enters port and anchors again in tranquil waters, the crew who now man the Newfoundland ship will continue to safely navigate her.

In bidding you, my loyal and faithful Constituents, a political Good-bye, and through you the Country, my only regret is that I have not been able to leave behind a better record. I shall not say Farewell—no one can say what the future may hold. But this I will say, that if I am ever wanted by the people of Newfoundland to again represent them, the door will always be on the latch and I will be listening for the call to come back and again share in your political fortunes.

E. P. MORRIS.

New Year's Honours

Arthur Mews, Esq., C. M. G., Deputy Colonial Secretary.

Congratulations to Arthur Mews, Esq., Deputy Colonial Secretary, on the distinguished honour which has been conferred upon him by His Majesty the King. Yesterday at Government House he was formally advised by His Excellency the Governor that in recognition of his faithful and efficient services to the Dominion and the Empire, His Majesty had graciously made him a Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George. His Excellency extended his congratulations, and Mr. Mews was also heartily congratulated by the assemblage.

The honour which has come to Mr. Mews is undoubtedly in appreciation of long and faithful public service. He is held in regard by the community generally, and as a public official he is one of the most able and capable on the civil list. The position he occupies is one of great responsibility, second only in importance to that of a Minister of State; he is indeed the Colony's confidential clerk. Much of his work has to do with matters of a secret character, this has particularly been the case since war broke out, and His Majesty's recognition is the best testimony of how careful he has been of the trust committed to him.

In 1893 Mr. Mews was appointed to the Financial Secretary's office, but previous to that was connected with the Government Telegraphs. When the former office was abolished he was transferred to the Colonial Secretary's Office as financial clerk. In 1898 when the Winter Administration changed the whole method of the Colony's accounting and Mr. Berteau was made Auditor-General, he succeeded him as Deputy Colonial Secretary.

Alart from his office duties Mr. Mews devotes considerable time to church work. He is an outstanding figure in the Methodist connection. His splendid services as organist of Cochrane Street Church are too well known to need comment, while his other activities have won him well-merited recognition. He is a member of the General Conference, which meets in the neighbouring Dominion. Is a member of the Board of Missions, and Secretary of the Methodist College Board of Governors. His principal hobby is music, but he dabbles a bit in art, and he is very clever with his pen. The honour which has been conferred upon him comes to one who is in every way worthy of it, and his many friends throughout the city and Colony will hear with genuine pleasure of the conferred honour.

Coastal Boats

Argyle arrived at Placentia 10.30 a.m. Monday.
Clyde arrived at Seldom 11 p.m. yesterday and is held there on account of fog.

Dundee arrived at Seldom 3.30 p.m. yesterday and is held there on account of fog.

Ethie. No report since Lark Hr. on Dec. 28th.

Glencoe arrived at Port aux Basques 12.40 p.m. yesterday.

Home arrived at Lewisporte at 4.30 p.m. yesterday.

Capt. Stevenson left Port aux Basques 10 p.m. yesterday.

Capt. Cross is at North Sydney.

Capt. Tavenor arrived at Port aux Basques 3.30 a.m. yesterday.

Wreg at St. John's.

Fogot left Wesleyville this morning going north.

Earl of Devon was last reported on the morning of the 29th of Dec. at Conche, going north.

Prospero left Little Bay 9.30 yesterday morning, coming south.

Portia left Hr. Breton at midnight, going west.

Capt. Dan Connelly has arrived in port; all well.

GILLETT'S EYE



Last Night at the Casino

The Casino theatre was packed last night and many were obliged to go away, being unable to secure seats. The entertainment was attended by His Grace the Archbishop, Monsignor McDermott, and judging from the hearty applause and laughter which the pleasing comedy, the inimitable "Rough Diamond," Mr. P. F. Moore, and Miss M. Vigners created, everybody went home delighted. Mrs. Capt. Martin also captivated the audience in her winsome rendition of two catchy songs. The orchestra music was a delightful contribution to an all round pleasant evening. The orchestra consisted of Messrs. C. Hutson, F. Bradshaw, A. Stafford and A. Bulley. The programme consisted of songs by Miss E. Brown, Miss R. Brophy, Mr. R. Sullivan, Mr. A. Bulley, Mrs. (Capt) Martin, Mr. F. Bradshaw, Miss A. Murphy, Mr. P. F. Moore; followed by the one-act comedy, "A Rough Diamond," by the following casts of characters:

Margery—Miss M. Vigners.
Lady Plato—Miss E. Browne
Lucy—Miss R. Brophy
Lord Plato—Mr. C. B. Channing.
Sir Wm. Evergreen—Mr. F. Lumsden.
Capt. Augustus Blenheim—Mr. P. J. Grace.
Tom—Master Griffen.
Cousin Joe—Mr. P. F. Moore.

Imperial Red Cross Fund

OUR DAY APPEAL
Amount already acknowledged \$32,263.33

Mrs. Wm. Davis, 153 LeMarchant Road	5.00
Tilt Cove Mining Co. and Workmen, per C. B. Blackmore	50.00
Harold C. Hayward	2.50
H. Clarke, Avondale	5.00
Lewis Dawe, Bay Roberts	20.00
Unity Lodge, No. 55, Soc. U. Fishermen, Amherst Cove, B. B., per H. J. Brown	10.00
Trepassey, per L. J. Giovannetti, M.D. The following amounts collected by Matt Sutton:—	
St. Shotts	14.90
Cape Race	46.00
Long Beach	17.40
Brook	7.00
Portugal Cove S.	28.55
Biscay Bay	14.40
Trepassey Point	17.65
Trepassey	68.35
	\$32,569.96

F. H. STEER, Treasurer.

Serious

Out of ten houses under quarantine for smallpox since Dec. 8th, seven new cases have developed in seven different houses since Wednesday last. This serious condition demands that the strictest regulations must be enforced. Last night we noticed in one of the city churches a special policeman who was known to be employed earlier in the day watching and tending an infected house. These men should not be allowed to frequent public places while engaged at this work, wearing the same clothing and without taking necessary precautions to prevent carrying the disease to other people. It is a well known fact that certain people are almost immune from catching any sickness, while as carriers of disease they may bring the death dealing germs wherever they go.

"A Sudden Arrival"

"A Sudden Arrival" last night at Canon Wood Hall was greeted by a capacity audience who were delighted with the presentation. Before the comedy a concert was held in which Miss Gibb, Miss Thomas, Rev. C. A. Moulton, Messrs. T. P. Halley, Gulliey, Rowe and Chown took part. The comedy is one of the funniest ever written, and abounds in mirth-provoking scenes which were taken full advantage of by F. M. Stirling, R. W. Jeans, W. E. Stirling, Reg. Dowden, R. Clarke, P. B. Rendell and G. C. Oke who took the leading parts. The entertainment will likely be repeated when those who attended other entertainments last evening will be afforded an opportunity to see a rattling good show.