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BY THE GRACE OF SQUIRES

The Reids Cash In On the Humber.

In saying that "Armstrong ownership has succeeded Reid ownership in the Humber Valley," the Mail is neither critically correct nor spiritually true. Critically speaking, the Humber project provides for ownership by the Newfoundland Power and Pulp Company, in the directorship of which, at the outset, the Armstrong interests will predominate, but the Reid interests will be important, and the Armstrong interests may be sold or otherwise disposed of at any time, and the Reids come into actual control. We challenge disproof of this by a publication of the Humber Contract. The statement of the Mail that "the Reids will be out of control. The Armstrongs will buy them out," is grossly untrue, a falsehood deliberately told!

When the Mail says that the Reids were placed in possession of the Humber properties by Morine and Cashin, by "the Railway Contract of 1898" it "lies in its beard." Not an inch of Humber land or a quart of Humber water was given to the Reids by the 1898 Contract. Is the Mail ignorant, only, or intentionally untruthful, when making such an assertion? The Humber properties were given to the Reids by the Whiteway-Bond Operating Contract, 1893, which Morine opposed, and when Cashin was not in the Assembly.

"Not a dollar of money raised under the guarantee from the Government of Newfoundland will be paid to the Reids for the properties," says the Mail, and thereby asserts what it cannot in the very nature of things know to be true, and is not true in spirit. It may be that the agreement with the Newfoundland Power and Pulp Company stipulates the purposes for which the money raised under the guarantee may be directly used, but what about indirect uses? The price to be paid by Sir William Armstrong to the Reids, for the Humber properties, is the result of the guarantee given by the Newfoundland Government. Without that guarantee there could, apparently, be no Humber project, and hence Sir William Armstrong would not buy the properties, or pay the Reids, and therefore all the Reids are to get is the consequence of the Newfoundland Government's guarantee.

The Mail says: "The Reids could not arrange with the British Government because they could not show that the Newfoundland Government would guarantee. The Reids could not 'pledge support of the scheme to the Armstrongs by the Newfoundland Government. Only Sir Richard Squires could do that.' We admit the truth of both assertions, and say, well, then, Squires made possible the fulfilment of the Reid scheme for the sale of the Humber properties! All that the Reids are to get from it, they get by the grace of Squires! If this be true, then, what nonsense it is to say the Reids get nothing from the guarantee. They get all by the guarantee.

Squires and Confederation.

The present Government has been accused of favouring Confederation with Canada, and colour has been lent this accusation by the statement made by Mr. W. F. Coaker, who said that negotiations are in progress for the sale of Labrador to our neighbouring dominion. The Canada-West India Magazine, published in Montreal, throws further light upon the Confederation question, when it publishes interviews with one Harry J. Crowe upon the subject of commercial and political union of the British West Indies and Newfoundland with Canada.

The name of Harry J. Crowe is well known here as that of a man whose interests are inseparably bound up with those of the Reids. In putting through the Humber Deal and taking over the Street Railway, the Government are associating themselves to a very large extent with the Reids. Possibly, then, it would not be too much to suggest that Mr. Crowe is the instigator of the Confederation idea in the minds of Messrs. Coaker and Squires.

In the interview mentioned above, Mr. Crowe quotes as follows from a letter received by him from Rt. Hon. Neville Chamberlain, Minister of Health in the British Cabinet: "I am wholeheartedly with you in believing that the entry of the British West Indies and Newfoundland into a political confederation with the Dominion of Canada would be of the greatest value to all three of the partners and to the Empire at large, and I believe success for this Imperial scheme will ultimately be achieved."

The letter proves beyond all shadow of doubt that the question of the confederation of Newfoundland with Canada has been removed from the remote, and is occupying the attention of British statesmen. Furthermore, it has been considered by our own pseudo-statesmen, Coaker and Squires, who have decided that the sale of our great dependency of Labrador will be a very good first move, and that this accomplished, the sale of the island of Newfoundland would soon follow.

Wireless Cabin Burglarized.

VALUABLE INSTRUMENTS STOLEN

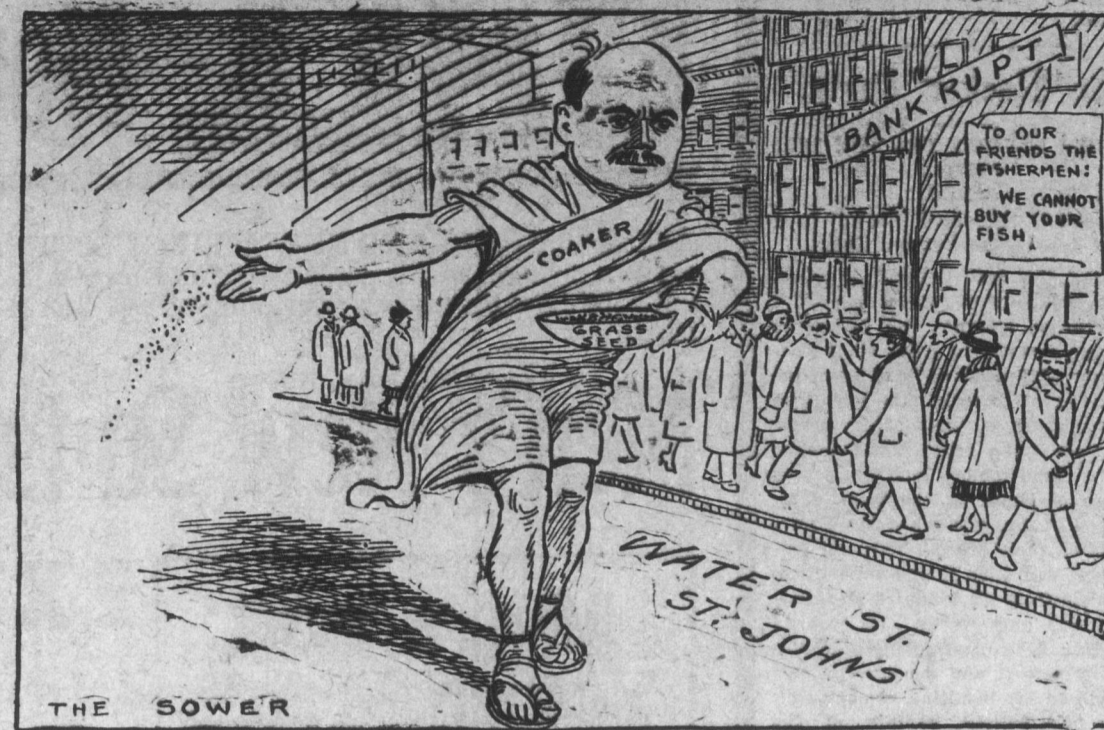
Last week, when Mr. Collins, the Marconi Superintendent, was about to test the wireless apparatus on S.S. Watchful, prior to her sailing North, to his surprise he found that the wireless cabin had been forced into, and some of the gear amounting to about \$400 was stolen. This is the first radio theft reported in the city. Fear has thus a reputation of this mean act.

might be carried out on other ships in port, Mr. Collins reported the matter to the coastal authorities, who in turn, informed the police.

Coastal Boats.

S.S. Watchful sails for points as far West as Placentia Bay to-morrow morning.
S.S. Malakoff—No report.
S.S. Sagona sails to-morrow for Hr. Breton.
S.S. Senet and Portia are reported in the same position. No change in ice conditions.

The Sower



SEEDS OF DESTRUCTION.

Mad-Mullah Coaker, head of the Squires Government, appeals to the electorate for return to power. Either Nationalization of fish or more stringent fishery regulations have been openly threatened in his manifesto.

THE SEEDS OF DESTRUCTION HAVE BEEN SOWN AND MORE ARE PROMISED. PEOPLE OF NEWFOUNDLAND, COAKER IS COAKER AND SQUIRES IS HIS PROPHET. THINK WELL LEST YOU REAP IN ABUNDANCE.

At this crucial moment in the affairs of our country, BENNETT, SURROUNDED BY MEN OF PROVEN INTEGRITY, stands ready and willing to kill this harvest and refill the ground for a fairer crop.

GIVE US BENNETT AND BETTER TIMES!

The Tide Has Turned.

COAKER MEETS IT ROUGH AND RUNS FOR SAFETY.

If the news that has reached the city within the past 24 hours is only partly true Mr. Coaker will have the fight of his life to save his own seat in Bonaville District. The tide has turned and everywhere the Bennett candidates are being acclaimed. The Telegram learns on authority that is unimpeachable that Mr. Coaker and his committee were absolutely refused a hearing at Pool's Island. At Greenspond and Westville he not only did not get a hearing, but was compelled to retreat. The facts as given us are that trouble started when Coaker and his committee attempted to pass through an arch erected for Mr. Monroe. In the scuffle Coaker was rough handled and had to beat it with all haste to the Union Hall and lock himself and committee in. After several exciting hours looked up Coaker and his party were allowed to depart in a motor boat. From what can be learned a momentous exposure has been noted abroad in reference to matters which vitally concern Union members as they are learning of the true state of affairs there. The situation is beyond expression and from present indications nothing will stem the tide. Reports from St. Brendan's state that Coaker will not get more than 20 votes out of 180.

Dance in aid of child welfare . . . &

A dance will be held to-night in aid of the Child Welfare Association in the Grenfell Hall which has been tastefully decorated for the occasion by the ladies, who will also look after the catering. It will be under the patronage of Lady Allardice, and all who attend are assured a pleasant evening. The music will be furnished by the Prince's Orchestra. Tickets may be had at the door and from members of the Association.

McMurdo's Store News.

MONDAY, April 16.
If you want a spring tonic which you can depend upon to give certain and rapid results, invest in a bottle of Gault's Cod Liver Oil Compound and take it regularly according to directions. You will find an almost immediate quickening of the appetite, an increased power to digest what is eaten and a feeling of general well being throughout the entire system. Large bottle for one dollar.

Catharine Hair Tonic is one of the best stimulants for the growth of the hair and a good dressing as well. Prices 35 and 60 cents a bottle.

Here and There.

The latest 12 Teapots can be had at STEELE'S without a Bib.
april 16, m. t. h.

BIBLESS TEAPOTS can be had at STEELE'S Crockery Store.
april 16, m. t. h.

COLUMBIA BATTERIES at Lowest Prices. AYRE & SONS, LTD., Hardware.—april 16, s. t. a. s.

KYLE STILL JAMMED.—The Reid N.H. Co. were advised by wire this morning that S.E. Kyle was in the same position off Sagona Island. No change in ice conditions.

MINARD'S LINIMENT USED BY PHYSICIANS.

Supreme Court.

(Before Chief Justice). KING VS. JOHN HUMBY.

A petty jury was sworn in and directed to try the prisoner John Humby on a charge of rape. Mr. John Barron represented the Crown. The accused appeared on his own behalf and pleaded not guilty. The following are the jurors:—James LeDrew, Ernest Fowler, Hy. Foster, Peter Kent, John Fleming, Roy Philip, Asarrah Smith, Thos. Power, Geo. Tucker, Ed. Pearce, John Furling, Patrick J. Browne.

Mr. Barron for the prosecution stating the case the details of which are most revolting said that the complainant aged 19 years came to the city from Harbor Buffett about a month ago and was in service with a family on New Gower Street. A few days before March 8th her father arrived in port in a foreign going vessel and hearing his daughter was in the city tried to locate her. In the meantime the daughter tried to locate the father. On the evening of March 8th she left her domicile and went to Water Street to locate Hickman's wharf, where she had been told her father was. Not knowing the city she proceeded East. It was then about 12.30 and when she reached the wharf she was met by a young man to direct her. He first went a few yards up town with her and turned again to lead her to a rooming house. They crossed a gangway and the girl questioning her escort was assured that she would be taken to a rooming house. In a few minutes she found herself trapped in a disused shed. After threatening to choke her victim and making her promise before God that she would not tell the police culprit made his escape. The girl with her clothes torn and her face bleeding made her way to a police constable. The complainant a pretty looking girl, with a pleasing clear voice was called as first witness. In her evidence she stated that she recognized Humby by the long coat he wore by his peculiar nose and also his voice. The prisoner only asked one question in cross examination. Detective Head Constable Byrne was next called and gave evidence as to locating the prisoner and taking several statements from him. The statements were put in evidence. Sergeant Geo. Bennett told the jury that he was the man whom the girl first told her story, said her clothing was torn and covered with snow, her hair was all dishevelled with blood oozing from a bruise on her face. She wept bitterly as she told him what had occurred. About a dozen witnesses in all were called. After which the accused was put in the box. Humby denied all knowledge of the affair stating that he was at the Prince's Rink at the time of the occurrence. He also questioned the reliability of the written statements he had made to the police. Chief Justice Horwood in summing up pointed out to the jury the apparent truthfulness of the girl's story backed up by reliable evidence. At 1 p.m. the jury retired to consider a verdict. After about a half an hour consideration the jury returned to court with a verdict of guilty. He will come up for sentence probably to-morrow. Humby is about 28 years old and has a wife and three children.

Inter Club Bowling.

The correct standing of the various clubs of the St. John's Inter-Club Bowling League, is as follows:—

CLUB	POINTS
C. L. B.	5
C. E. I.	5
Pelidians	5
T. A.	5
Dunfield	5
Masonic	4
St. Andrew's	2
Star	2
St. Mary's	2
Guards	1
Total	45

Buy MUSTAD FISH HOOKS at AYRE & SONS, LTD., Hardware.—april 16, s. t. a. s.

Silvia Sails To-Night.

S.S. Silvia sails at 8 p.m. for Halifax taking the following passengers: C. H. Watson, S. Hindy, Mrs. J. J. Fenby and 2 children, Foote, W. B. Good, Mrs. W. F. Horwood, Mrs. B. T. Grimmer, Miss E. Barnes, Miss L. Barnes, F. Foley, A. Pitman, E. Rox, Mr. A. Tull and baby, Mrs. S. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Myles, Master Myles, M. Moore, Jas. Moore, G. Moore, Miss E. Thistle, Mrs. S. Delaney, W. J. Cahill, A. G. Goelins, P. Tobin, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Taylor, Mrs. J. Hanham, Mrs. C. F. Stephenson, Mrs. F. Byles, R. G. Harvey, E. M. Rodgers, J. L. McGregor, Lady Winter and sixty second class.

Shipping.

S.S. Sabie I. leaves Halifax to-morrow for this port, bringing a mail. S.S. Rosalind is leaving New York on Wednesday for Halifax.

"Get Bull Dog Drummond Dead or Alive." Do they? Casino Theatre.—april 16.

T. A. Dinner To-Morrow Night.

BILLIARD PLAYERS WILL BE HONORED.

The members of the Total Abstinence Society are holding their annual Billiard Dinner in the Society Club Rooms to-morrow night. Covers will be laid for about 180 members and friends. Amongst those present will be several of our prominent platform speakers. The catering for such an occasion will be attended to by the Ladies' Auxiliary who have already made elaborate preparations. The Toast List has received special attention. With this in view an enjoyable evening's entertainment is assured. Spot side was returned the victors over Plain side in the recent tournament. The losers are standing the dinner.

"The Storm," at the Star.

N.Y. Globe:
The picture holds your interest, and for many reasons. (1) The action is swift and logical and is further simplified by being centered in three people. There are no leaps and jumps. You are not asked to ride the breakers at Palm Beach one minute and shovel snow from a cabin door in Alaska the next. (2) There is some rather good, heavy sort of comedy. (3) Perhaps this should be first. The acting is well cared for. House Peters as Burr Winton, and Matt Moore as Dave Stewart are satisfactory in roles that give them little opportunity to be anything more than stock while honors go to Virginia Valli, who makes out of Manette a very real sort of person. She is pretty, winsome and genuine and performs apparently without consciousness of the camera.

N. Y. Morning Telegraph:
The Capital has a feature picture this week, which is undoubtedly a success. As a picture, it retains all of its popular quality with the addition of pictorial possibilities realized to the fullest extent.

In the lobby are letters from Langdon McCormick, the author; George Broadhurst and Lillian T. Bradley, its producers, who testify to their satisfaction with the screen version directed by Reginald Barker and released by Universal. It seems that further endorsement should be unnecessary.

N. Y. Daily News:
"The Storm" is uncommonly good entertainment. As a picture, simply from the technical standpoint, it's perfection. Seldom have I seen such fine photography. The ride of Manette down the rapids in a frail canoe makes you hold your breath. No faking here!

Sealing News.

SEAL DUE AT HR. GRACE.

The messages received from the sealing fleet over the week end, give every reason to believe that good trips of fat will be secured. The bedlammers are reported very numerous, and all the ships are adding to their catch daily. The Seal killed and banded 1,000 on Saturday, and left the icefields yesterday with a full load. Up to press hour there was no report of her arriving at Hr. Grace. The following messages have been received:—

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Ranger, (Saturday)—On board and stowed 10,700; prospects good, now bound north.
Viking, (Saturday)—Position 60 miles S.E. by S. Cape Ray, light ice as far as can be seen. Struck a small patch bedlammer harpo, got 100; on board and stowed 8,800; blowing a gale from north west.
Terra Nova, (Saturday)—Very stormy to-day, reached a big patch of seals at sunset, shot a few.

JOB BROS. & CO.

Thetis, (Saturday)—135 miles E. of Baccalieu, strong breeze from W. N. W., too rough to leave ice.
Neptune, (Saturday)—Estimated on board 12,000, still on pans 1,200; in narrow strip of ice, very heavy.
Neptune, (Sunday)—Finisher plying up yesterday's seals; heavy swell, ice broken up; estimated on board 14,000.

RAINE JOHNSTONE & CO.

Seal, (Saturday)—Killed 1,000 bedlamers to-day.
Seal, (Sunday)—Bore up for home at 5 p.m. Total on board 11,500.

THE CATCH TO-DATE.

Sagons (landed)	11,832
Thetis	10,751
Neptune	14,000
Terra Nova	12,400
Seal	11,500
Ranger	10,700
Viking	8,800
Total	93,145

WATCHFUL INWARD.—S.S. Watchful, Capt. Parsons, arrived from Westville and other intermediate ports of call at 11 a.m. The ship brought a small quantity of freight and the following passengers:—Mrs. Shan, C. Stratton, J. Feltman, Mrs. Feltman and son, M. J. O'Neill, P. Lewis, S. Johnson, Mrs. and Miss Johnson, Mrs. Costigan and two children, and eleven in steerage.

Opposition Leader and Mr. Hickman Arrive From Harbor Grace

Tremendous Reception at Railway Station Saturday Night—Victory for Bennett and Better Times Assured

brought such ruin on the country.

Over one thousand people were at the Railway Station Saturday night to greet the leader of the Opposition Party and his colleague, Mr. A. E. Hickman, on their return from a most successful canvass of Hr. Grace district. Although the throng gathered early the train did not arrive until 11.30 yet everyone seemed in high spirits and every minute others joined the assembly.

MAGNIFICENT RECEPTION.

As the train pulled into the station a great cheer burst from the crowd and when the leader and Mr. Hickman stepped on the platform the enthusiasm knew no bounds. In response to numerous calls, Mr. Bennett delivered a short address, thanking the people for the magnificent reception. Mr. Bennett briefly outlined the campaign which began on Monday last from the time of his arrival at Harbor Grace where the populace turned out in mass to show their approval. The campaign started on Monday night with the most successful political meeting Hr. Grace has seen. Mr. Hickman held a meeting in Bay Roberts the same night where the enthusiasm was intense. On Tuesday night all three candidates, Messrs. Bennett, Hickman and Archibald held a meeting at Island Cove, Wednesday afternoon at Bishop's Cove, Thursday night at St. John's Point, and Friday night at Shearstown. In every place the candidates were accorded enthusiastic receptions, every meeting was crowded and the people expressed determination that the eleventh hour attempt to buy the voters with public money will result in an even greater defeat on polling day. Mr. Bennett congratulated St.

John's on the splendid meeting in the Star Hall on Tuesday last, when the city in no unusual manner placed itself on record, being in favor of clean Government and running the affairs and matters out for all time. Mr. Bennett assured all present that Coaker Bay was returning nine Opponent candidates on Polling Day. On Saturday afternoon Mr. Bennett led his campaign and the Leader of the Opposition had the pleasure of addressing the Committee which had been organized previous to Mr. Kay's arrival. Mr. Bennett thanked the gathering for their reception and announced they were returning to Hr. Grace early next week, to resume the campaign successfully launched.

MR. HICKMAN IS ENTHUSIASTIC.

Mr. Hickman also reviewed the campaign and described it as a passing of the most optimistic expectations. He declared that the election of the present Government was being continued up to the polling day, would be punished in no takable manner on polling day by the electors of Hr. Grace.

He also said that he had heard that the Prime Minister was going to Hr. Grace and was getting out of John's West in all haste. Mr. Hickman regretted this, as he would lose \$1,000, but he would have pleasure in sending him to a well-kept at the polls in Harbor Grace. During and after the speech, Mr. Hickman after a short speech, a mistake of enthusiasm displayed, who was the appreciation of the confidence inspired by the knowledge that the loyal old district of Hr. Grace was lining up with the opposition finally drive from power the Coaker and incapable Government that had brought such ruin on the country.

St. Barbe Against Government.

Bonne Bay, April 14.—Joseph Moore invaded the strongholds of Scammel at Trout River on Wednesday night, and at Birch's last night. He was greeted with packed halls. Last election Kean only secured about seven per cent. of the votes cast at these settlements. Moore can depend on at least fifty per cent. this election. Reports received from the coast indicate a corresponding change against the Government.

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Child Welfare Dance

TO-NIGHT : GRENFELL HALL

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