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## AMERICAN STEAMER STRIKES A MINE

### The 'Carib,' 2,280 tons, of Savannah, forsook route laid down by German Marine instructions and meets disaster

Berlin, February 23.—The American steamer Carib has gone to the bottom off the German coast in the North Sea as the result of running on a mine. At the time of this disaster to the Carib, the vessel was not using the route laid down in the German Marine instructions.

The steamer Carib belonged to the Clyde line. She was of 2,280 tons net, and left Charleston South Carolina, on January 27th, for Bremen. She was built in 1882 at Port Glasgow, Scotland.

The Carib was formerly owned by the Clyde Line, and was recently sold by them to Walker, Armstrong and Co. of Savannah, Ga.

She carried a crew of 30 men. No despatch makes mention of the fate of the crew.

## Losses and Gains Backwards and Forwards

### The Tide of Battle Swings on the Eastern and Western Fronts

London, Feb. 23.—The French report ground gained at one point between the Argonne and the Meuse, and a slight loss at another.

In Alsace the enemy attacked the French outposts, who fell back, the enemy suffering heavy loss.

The French captured trenches near Souain, taking numerous prisoners. Subsequently the French gained ground between Argonne and the Meuse, and in Alsace.

A Zeppelin bombarded Calais yesterday, killing five civilians.

The Russian Government reports further fighting on the northern front and heavy Austrian losses in western Galicia.

In the Carpathians the Austrian and German counter attacks were repulsed with heavy losses. An important height was carried by the Russians.

In Eastern Galicia the Russians attacked the Austrians, capturing five hundred prisoners and machine guns.—HARCOURT.

## French Withdraw Advance Outposts

### Rheims, Again Under Fire

Paris, via St. Pierre, Feb. 23.—Between the Argonne and the Meuse on the border of Cheppy wood we captured a trench and extended our positions.

At Eparges we have gained ground on a point and slightly fallen back on another.

An infantry attack, in which the enemy engaged three regiments, occurred in Alsace, on both banks of the River Fecht.

Our advance posts have withdrawn on our main position which we occupy in force. The enemy attacked us in compact ranks, but they suffered heavy losses.

Our batteries destroyed a big German gun in a position near Lombray.

Between the Lys and the Aisne our artillery dispersed a bivouac and company.

The enemy fiercely bombarded Rheims on Sunday night and Monday, making many victims and representing a retaliation on the part of the Germans on account of their recent defeats.

On the Souain front at Beausjour we progressed, capturing a line of trenches, two woods, and completely repulsed two attacks which were par-

## FORTS DAMAGED BY BOMBARDMENT

London, Feb. 23.—An official statement issued to-night says:

"Unfavorable weather with low visibility and a strong southwesterly gale, have interrupted operations at the Dardanelles.

"The outer forts are seriously damaged by the bombardment."

## Striking Among Shipbuilders

### Will Likely Render 75,000 Men Idle

Glasgow, Feb. 23.—The strikers in the Clyde shipbuilding yards to-day rejected terms officially made by their employers, and decided to remain idle until all their demands are granted.

The strike is expected to spread to other plants in Scotland and render 75,000 men idle.

## Loss of Life Very Severe

### Riot Among Light Infantry At Singapore

London, Feb. 23.—An official announcement given out by the Bureau of Information, says that a riot at Singapore in the Fifth Light Infantry, over promotions, has been quelled.

The loss of life in the proceedings was somewhat serious.

## Adjourned Meeting

### A Large Mail

The express, which arrived into the city last night, brought another large mail, which was quickly assorted at the Post Office.

## Diplomacy's Tangled Skein

### Must Pull Her Own Chestnuts From the Fire—United States Will Not Burn Her Fingers Nor Meddle in the European Mess

New York, Feb. 20.—The New York Herald, in an editorial under the caption of "The United States is not going to burn its fingers for anybody," says:

"In his highly illuminating statement made to Lieutenant-Commander Walter R. Gherardi, the American naval attaché at Berlin, Admiral Behnecke, speaking for the German Admiralty, lays bare the reason for the German Government's efforts to make the United States pull its 'hot chestnuts' from the fire that is blazing in Europe.

"The shutting off of food supplies has now come to the point where Germany no longer has sufficient food to feed her people," says Admiral Behnecke. Germany, he further explains, "is in a position where her life depends upon her putting into effect the only means she has of saving herself." This is said in defence of the threatened submarine blockade to starve Great Britain.

## WESLEY CHURCH MISSION BAND

Wesley Church Mission Band held its annual entertainment last night, it being a pronounced success.

About 150 girls and boys had committed to memory the words of all the choruses, and without sheets of the words, sang merrily their happy songs.

The recitations by Pearl Pike and Grace Symonds were also nicely rendered, and the exercises of the little tots engaged, reflected creditably on Misses Gobbie, Martin and others for their training efforts.

Mrs. Royle (Rev.) who presided, thanked those present for their attendance, and congratulated the and on their success.

God Save the King and the Doxology closed the meeting.

## Latest Details Singapore Riot

London, Feb. 24.—A communication issued late last night by the Colonial Office gives the casualties in the Singapore riot as 35 persons killed, including six officers and 15 men of the local native forces and 14 residents of Singapore.

The Colonial Office report says that some of the rioters were killed and that a large number surrendered or were captured.

## Another Victim German Mines

Newhaven, England, Feb. 24.—Eighteen members of the Cardiff steamer Branksome Chine, a Government collier have been landed here. The vessel either struck a mine or was torpedoed in the English Channel, 20 miles south-east of Beachy Head.

The men say that the captain and the mate of the steamer are standing by the vessel, which is badly damaged.

## LENTEN LECTURES

The first lecture of a Lenten series will be given to-morrow night by the Star of the Sea Society, when the Rev. Dr. Kitchen will speak on "Louvain, in History and in Remembrance," a subject that is truly interesting at this particular time.

The Star have had their rooms renovated, and their lecture room in particular is very comfortable. Their catering to the comfort of the public has always been of a high order, and the officers of the Society are always themselves pleased when the general people are made happy.

Another lecture will be delivered next Thursday night by Dr. V. P. Burke, who takes as his subject "A Great Problem."

## Where To Go

The Prince's and Parade Rinks, afternoon.

The Nickel Theatre, afternoon and night.

Lecture in basement of Wesley church to-night.

There is on thing sure—there will be no British men-o'-war hoisting the U. S. flag to avoid capture or destruction.

## THE ALLIES APPEAL TO THE UNITED STATES

Washington, Feb. 23.—The Entente Allies have made representation to the United States that Germany is not meeting the cost of the care of her prisoners of war in their camps, and have asked the United States, as caring for the diplomatic interests of all warring powers, to make representation to Berlin.

## Financial Plans Entente Powers

### Lloyd George Announces Meeting of Finance Ministers of Russia, France and England to be Held in London

London, Feb. 23.—The plan for the union of the financial and military resources of the Entente Powers, arranged in the early part of this month in Paris, was approved in the Commons this afternoon.

During the course of the debate, Mr. Lloyd George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced that there would be another meeting of the Finance Ministers of the Allied Powers, but this time in London. Referring to the enormous joint resources of the Allies, the Chancellor made this statement:—

"In this struggle, resources are almost of paramount importance. This is a war, not merely of men, but even more of equipment. It is in this that the Allies have fallen short of their great enemy, because of the preparations, he has been carrying on for years and years. In this, time counts in men, our resources are greater. In money, our resources are greater. Time and a full application of these resources, and the bold, courageous and resolute application of all our strength that is all that is necessary. If we do it, we shall win."

## OBITUARY

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—Friend Jephtha Snow, one of the oldest members of the F.P.U., last peacefully to rest on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 14th, at the age of 75 years.

Friend Snow was a good Union man and well liked by the members of this place and he will be missed in our Council. We believe our loss is his gain.

He was buried on Monday last at the Methodist Cemetery, the Rev. W. Grimes officiating. He leaves behind a wife, one son and one daughter who reside at Boston.

We extend our sympathy to the bereaved family.

CHAIRMAN F.P.U.  
Bay Roberts, Feb. 17, '15.

## What F.P.U. Councils Have Intimated re Bowring-Kean Outrage

### POINT AUX GAUL—"The members of our Council are very much pleased with the manner in which you are fighting Kean, Bowring and the Government, and are determined to stand by the President and the F.P.U."

### CONCEPTION HR.—Your struggle is ours, your demands the peoples. Those who the gods would destroy they first make mad. This issue is universal and we will stand at your back."

### CATALINA—"Four Hundred determined Unionists with you in heart and hand. This struggle must not end until Water Street bends to the Country's wishes. If Kean sails in Florizel the outrage will be remembered for years and punishment will surely overtake him. We will stand by you."

### BAY-DE-VERDE—"We are one with you in this final struggle for the complete emancipation of the Toilers. If required to help let us know."

### GRATE'S COVE—"With all our heart we support your struggle against our taskmasters. Bay-de-Verde District demands punishment of Kean."

### BAY ROBERTS—"Three hundred at your back—determined to handle Kean and Bowring's dishonourable trickery."

## ANOTHER VICTIM "REGIN" GOES DOWN

### Norwegian Steamer Torpedoed or Struck Mine Off Dover

London, February 23.—The Norwegian steamer Regin was sunk off Dover this morning by either submarine or mine. The crew were saved.

The Regin was carrying coal from the Tyne to Bordeaux. The crew landed at Dover this afternoon.

The men said they believed the ship was torpedoed by a German submarine.

## British Waters Closed to Navigation

### No Ships Allowed to Enter Waters Within Four Miles Rathin Isld. Between Sunset and Sunrise

London, Feb. 23.—The British Admiralty announces that the Irish Channel and north Channel waters, lying between England and Scotland and Ireland have been restricted from navigation from 10-day.

The southern entrance of the Irish Channel, known as Saint George's Channel, is between Carnore Point on the Irish coast and St. David's Head on the opposite coast of Wales, and certain areas of this channel have been closed to mercantile navigation by the Admiralty's orders, which also require that all traffic wishing to proceed through the North Channel must pass to southward of Rathin Island between sunrise and sunset.

No ship will be allowed within four miles of Rathin Island between sunset and sunrise.

## TWO DAYS Bombardment

### Rheims Cathedral Struck Several Times—Buildings Set on Fire—Dozen Persons Killed

Paris, Feb. 23.—Heavy damage was done to Rheims by the German bombardment of the city on Sunday and Monday. The German bombed the city from two sides. The Cathedral was struck a number of times and many buildings were set on fire. The Germans used their big guns.

It is believed a dozen persons were killed.

## VOLUNTEERS

The volunteer list is gradually going up, and last night four more young men put down their names. Those are:—

St. John's—Wm. Jos. Reid, Herb. V. Harris.

Bell Island—Ken A. Butler. Kildride—Wm. Green.

There were 320 men on parade duty yesterday, and the necessary rifle practice goes on with resulting experience. Some new companies are being drawn up, and it is thought likely that the boys of Nos. 4 and 5 will go to England or Scotland at no late date.

The new machine guns (which have not yet put the Mail and Advocate out of business) are being daily exercised, and under the instructions of Lieut. Windeler the lads are learning much of necessity in connection.

The G.P.O. expect an English mail by way of New York in a few days, news which will be received with favour by our people who have relatives with the regiment abroad.

READ THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE.

A. English

# LETTERS OF INTEREST

From Mail and Advocate Readers.

## A Fisherman's Scathing Rebuke Of the Sealing Commission

Twillingate Local Council of the F.P.U. Disapproves of  
the Commission of Enquiry in the Sealing Disaster  
Ready to Back the F.P.U.'s Demand re Kean

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Sir.—Will you kindly allow me space to say a few words in reference to last spring's Sealing Disaster. Twillingate Local Council has unanimously endorsed your action and the stand you have taken in reference thereto. To my mind, this Commission is the worst kind of a bluff every played on the mariners and the working class of Newfoundland.

The thinking people of Newfoundland have been watching the outcome of this Enquiry and are disgusted that no good results have come from it.

There is practically no one acting on the Commission who knows what is wanted in connection with the Seal Fishery. What does Dummy Minister Squires know of the experiences of the sea-faring man or the probable cause of the Disaster? Has he ever been to sea or to the frozen home of the seal, or tossed about among the isolated rocks of the Labrador coast? No, his work is that of a lawyer and there is no grab in a fisherman's life for him. How did he get his position as Dummy Minister? Through the electorate of Trinity? No, Sir Tax Morris got him in through the back door. And he is one of the men on the Commission.

Another experienced (?) man on this Commission is Dr. Lloyd. A pity it was this man did not follow the advice of Mr. Coaker. Why did they not select experienced men who were out at the seal-fishery last year, men of the class of Captain George Barbour, Capt. W. Winsor, Capt. John Parsons, Capt. Job Kneen, Capt. Randall and some of the men who passed through the Disaster? Or, they might have come down here to the snow-covered

hills of Green Bay and selected some of the old veterans who have been in the salt sea business all their lives, men of the class of Capt. Ned White, Capt. Robt. Stockley and a host of others to be on the Commission instead of Dummy Minister Squires and Dr. Lloyd, who do not know a hood from a harp or a jib-boom from a main-boom.

Like Cattle to Die.  
Was it the fault of Capt. Wes. Kean, who sent his men on board of the S.S. Stephano in care of his father, or was it the fault of his father, who ordered the men on the ice-hoe to kill seals when the storm was coming on and who steamed away leaving the men to perish like cattle in the midst of the Arctic foe? And then, according to report, this man wired to the "Florizel" asking whether his men were on board, to which message the capt. of the "Florizel" replied with the question, "What about the Newfoundland's men, father?" The father replied "Expect they got on board of their own ship" and did not even send a message to the ships nearby making enquiry concerning the "Newfoundland's" men. The experienced men down here, Mr. Editor, claim that a lunatic would not have acted in this way.

Sits on High Horse.  
It is our opinion that Capt. Abe. Kean sits on his high horse, even where men's lives are concerned. Because he is in command of some of the big ships his head has got swelled, but there is many a man in Newfoundland who has not got a swelled head like this famous blunderer, who would not strike a ship on the Brandies, in the mouth of Catalina in the noonday, bump her ashore at Musgrave Har-

bour or Stag Hr., or run on Horse Island Rock, and these are only some of the mistakes of this famous swelled head.

A Password Going.  
As a body of men here, we endorse your action and we will stick to you as an army in order to get this famous man down from his high horse, to reduce his swelled head to make it in proportion with his body, and to prevent his again taking charge of a ship at the seal-fishery. I see there is a password getting to be known on the North Side of Bonavista Bay in favour of this man. Shame to those who would take such a stand as this. If Capt. Kean takes command of a sealing steamer this spring, send the "Can't Lose" down here after a full crew of men, for there are hundreds here who will stand by you. With regard to the "Southern Cross" Disaster, I have not much to say except that Capt. Geo. Clark died as a hero with his men.

Wishing you a long life and another big life policy by the end of 1915.

AN OFFICER.

Twillingate,  
Feb. 15, 1915.

### Wants House Opened

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)  
Dear Sir.—We see by recent copies of the Mail and Advocate that the House of Assembly is not likely to open until April. This is an outrage against the rights of free-born Britishers.

We have now arrived at the conclusion that the proper course of action for us to follow is, to have every Council of the F.P.U. forward President Coaker a petition, which we would ask him to present to Gov. Davidson, demanding that the House of Assembly be opened at once so as legislation can be enacted to protect the lives of our sealers and measures be adopted for the speedy relief of the poor.

WM. COTTER, Sec.  
F.P.U. Local Council  
New Portland,  
Feb. 12, 1915.  
Complaints re Mail—

### GREEN BAY FULLY RESOLVED

Kean Not to go as Sealing  
Master—War Has Made  
the Union Stronger

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Sir.—It is a long time since anyone from this place has written to the Mail and Advocate, so I thought I would drop you a few lines to let you know that we are still at Mr. Coaker's back in his fight for Right. It is going to be a hard fight to keep up, for the Tory Government is too headstrong for anything. They would rather help the merchants than the poor underdogs, and if it were not for President Coaker, there would be more thousands of starving people in this island to-day.

We are glad to know that the war has only made the Union stronger and made its members stick closer than ever to our President, who is our only Friend. All Green Bay is at his back in his effort to keep Capt. Kean from going to the ice this spring.

We all long for the day when Morris will be kicked out, for as long as he is in power the country will see nothing but poverty.

Down here this winter, the men are cutting pit props for \$2.25 and \$3.25 and they had to pay \$10.00 per barrel for flour. Kerosene oil, pork and round peas have all gone up in proportion, so you can see how the people are living. However, we shall fight until Coaker wins and we get fair play.

Comfort Cove,  
Feb. 16, 1915.

### Sealing Commission Another Codd

Southern Bay, B.B. correspondent  
says Kean should never again be allowed to take charge of a Sealing steamer—

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir.—As there has been nothing in your paper from this settlement for a long time, folks will think we are getting careless about the Union. But this is not the case. We are ploughing along in good shape, taking in everything concerning public affairs and the Union and digesting it well. We are as solid as ever, are holding our meetings regularly, and are ever ready to answer the call of our leader, President Coaker. In these troublesome times we are more determined than ever to stand by our Pre-

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sident against "Tom-Cod Ned's" government.

Our country is cursed by the rule of "Grab-allism," and it is time for the people to arise in their might and send this band of pirates about their business. The Sealing Commission is another cod to fool the people. The Northern men will not swallow this insult, and they are crying vengeance on Morris. They are still indignant over Kean's blunder, which caused the massacre of the lives of seventy-eight of our prime sons of toil.

We are with you, Mr. Coaker, in this fight for Right, and we beseech you not to drop your pen until you have conquered. Capt. Kean should never again be allowed to take charge of a crew of sealers.

We see by the Mail and Advocate that the House is not going to open until after the ships leave for the ice. I suppose Morris has gone to the front? I know he would make a good general.

We are delighted to see the Export Co. launched upon the broad sea. This should make every fisherman proud to be a Union man and to have such a leader as W. F. Coaker.

Wishing the Union, its staff, and the branches every success, I am,

HEPHZIBAH,  
Southern Bay,  
Feb. 15, 1915.

### SQUID TICKLE WIDE AWAKE

(Editor Mail and Advocate)  
Dear Sir.—Just a few words from Squid Tickle to show that we are not all asleep here. The Union is going

ahead splendidly here although there are a few Tories yet. I am not a Union man, but the son of a Union man. I am only fifteen years old and am too young to belong yet. I like reading the Mail and Advocate, and best of all, Aunt Jane's pieces.

A large number of our men are in the bays cutting wood and some others are cutting pit props. Mr. Alan Bradley is repairing Mr. Edmund Oldford's schooner and is doing well with his work. Skipper E. Oldford will have a good new schooner for the summer. We wish him a good trip of cod.

We held our Union parade here on Jan. 25th. After the march we had a splendid tea. We had a great crowd and the room was as full as it could be. A pleasant time was spent by all.

UNION JACK,  
Squid Tickle.

### Wants The Advocate

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)  
Dear Sir.—Enclosed please find 50 cents for my year's subscription to weekly edition of The Mail and Advocate.

I am not a Union man but I recognize the fact that us fishermen have only one friend to-day and he is Pres. Coaker.

The Mail and Advocate is the most popular paper in Newfoundland to-day.

Long may Coaker—the toilers' friend—be spared to fight for the fishermen of Newfoundland.

—JAS. RALPH,  
Squid Tickle, Feb. 8, '15.



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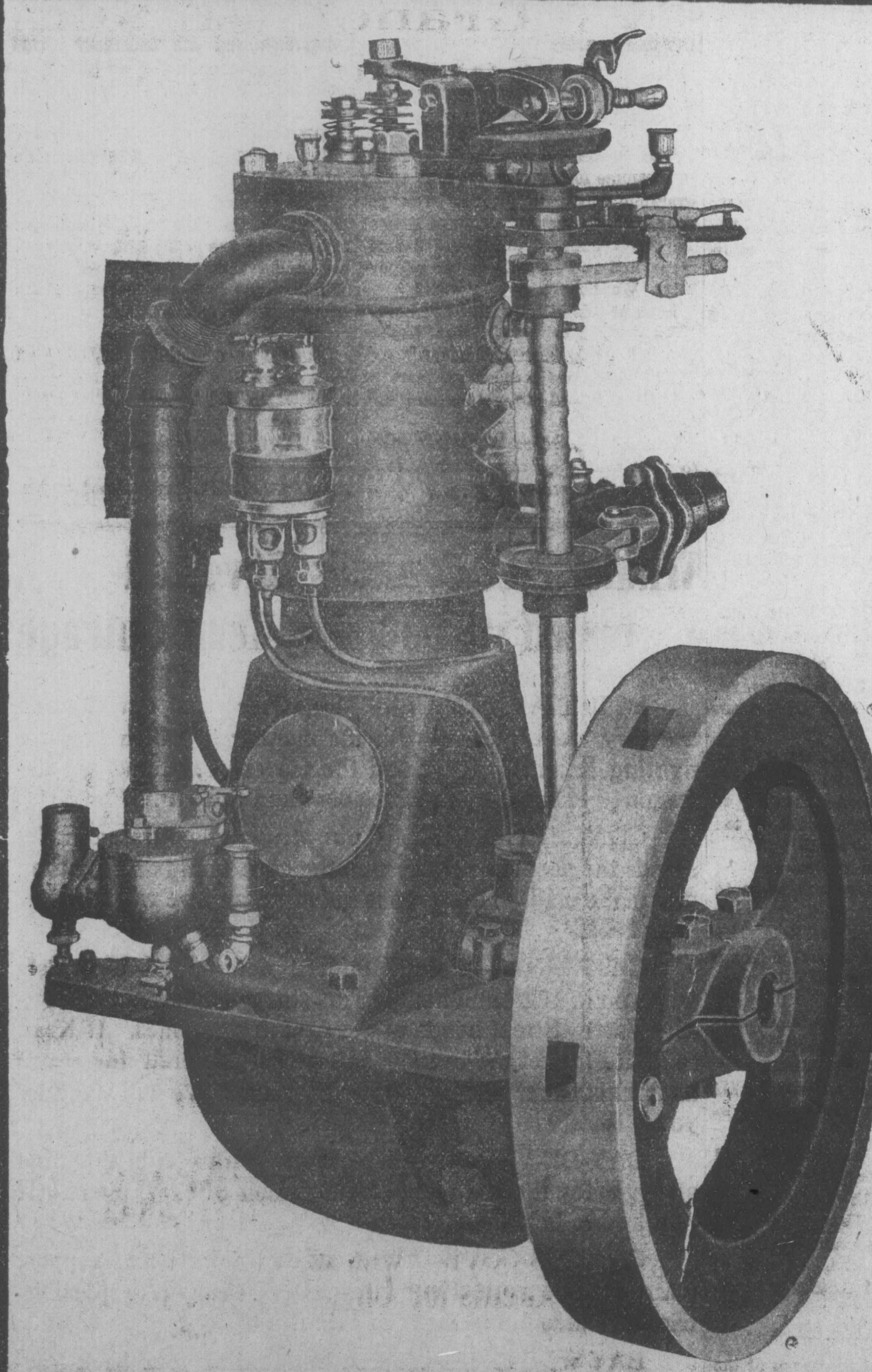
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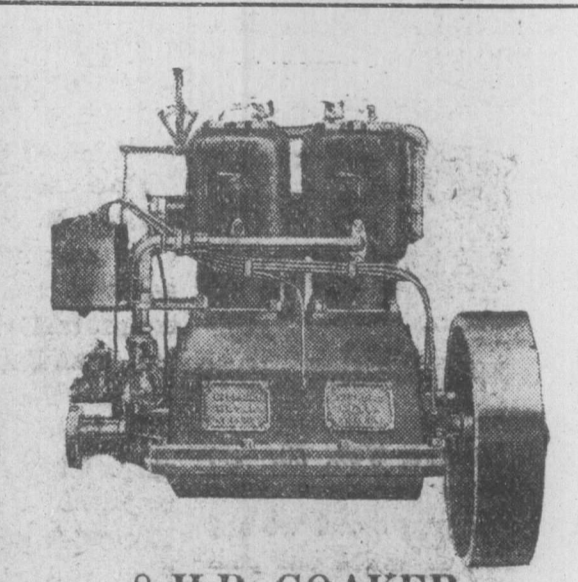
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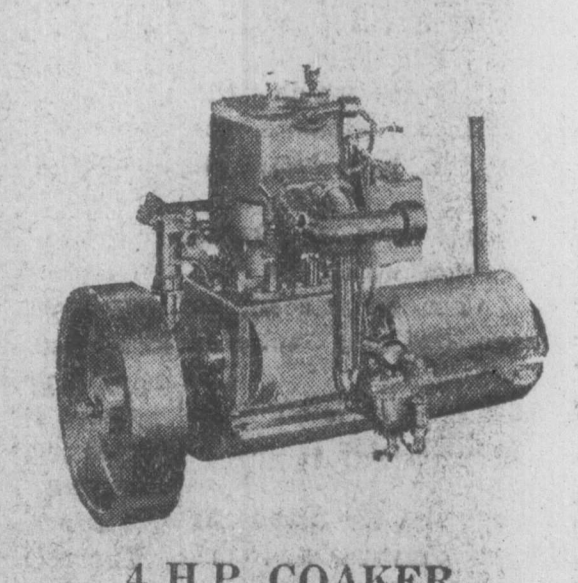
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### German Proud He's Canadian

Ottawa, Feb. 12.—"I am fortunate to live under the Union Jack. I am proud that I am a Canadian."

With these inspiring words a German, the son of a race that is endeavoring to destroy to the uttermost the Great British Empire, within whose realms he has made his home, rose in his place in the Commons today and moved the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne. W. G. Wetzel, the German Conservative member for North Waterloo was the young orator who made history by so doing. It was an epoch making speech. It told the Fatherland that the nation of the Kaiser had lost the sympathy of the German Canadian.

Here are his own words: "German

Canadians are proud of their history and their traditions, but they are not proud of the violation of the neutrality of Belgium nor of Louvain. German militarism is another. This is a fight for liberty and future existence and for the eradication of militarism. "Wherever the Union Jack floats liberty and justice prevails. There is no servitude under our flag. The die is cast. The empire must win."

The scene was one never to be forgotten. The galleries were crowded with a picked audience, picked because no one could get past the guards unless provided with a special ticket and the chamber itself was filled. All the ministers were in their places and General Hughes in his service uniform kept alive the remainder that war was with us.

### Active Measure Relief Provinces

The session of the Duma has been suspended by Imperial Ukase until the middle of December at the latest. Before suspending its sittings the Duma adopted the following resolutions:

"First—That the Government take as rapidly as possible measures for the relief of the Provinces which have suffered from the operations of the war."

"Second—That the Government work out plans for a complementary law on pensions, support of children of widows living with their mothers, as well as increased pensions for orphans left by soldiers who have fallen on the field of battle."

"Third—That the military reserves doing service as police be summoned to the colors and be replaced by soldiers, who have left the army service, but still are capable of performing police duty."

"Fourth—That a commission be appointed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs to investigate violations of the law nations, rules and customs of war by the Germans, Austro-Hungarians and Turks, as well as damages sustained by the State, public institutions, societies and private persons."

### German Proposals Italian Gov't

**For That Country's Participation in the War—Italy to Drive British From Egypt—In Return Get New Strip Territory**

Rome, Feb. 15.—The Ideal Nazionale, a newspaper published in the interests of the Nationalist party, in its issue of 7th day, publishes a forecast of German proposals to Italy, which are as follows:

"Before the end of February, Prince Von Byekiw, the German ambassador to Italy, will present to the Italian government a concrete proposal for Italian participation in the war on the side of Germany."

"This consists of the cession by Austria of the Province of Trent, and the rectification of the eastern Italian frontier by the addition of a strip of land going as far as the Isone river."

"In addition Germany will pledge herself to conclude a new treaty with Italy which will afford protection to Italy's Mediterranean interests."

"In exchange Italy is to take part at once in the war. She will occupy Tunis and help Turkey drive the British from Egypt which will return under the dominion of the Sultan of Turkey. In addition the Italian fleet will attack the Anglo-French naval forces in the Mediterranean."

Continuing, the Idea Nazionale says that Prince Von Buelow referring to Trieste made this statement:

"It is impossible to give Trieste to Italy, because this seaport is the lung not to Austria, but of Germany."

At the conclusion of one of his conversations with the Italian statesmen, Prince Von Buelow, according to this newspaper, made use of this phrase: "Either Italy will be friendly towards us, or we will treat her worse than we are treating Britain."

ties of holding flooded trenches, while strong posts, defended villages and farms and other arrangements, complete positions. In the rear masses of guns of all calibres, so well concealed that they are practically invulnerable, and joined up by telephones to all advanced trenches make a strong framework for the defence.

"During all the months that the British have occupied this district, only three direct hits have been made by German shells upon the British guns. An attack, therefore, has to deal with an intact artillery, which knows every range to an inch."

**Local Success Unimportant.**

"A forward trench may often be assaulted or mined by either side, or it may be knocked to bits by heavy shells, or cleared by trench mortars and hand grenades, but a local success of this character has no consequences. The battling in front is largely between snipers and men in the sapheads."

**Picture Theatres  
In United States**

It is estimated that there are to-day between 17,000 and 18,000 motion picture theatres in the United States, to which more than 100,000 people go daily. A commission appointed by the mayor of Cleveland in 1913 reported that one-sixth of the population of that city went to movie shows at least once a day. During the summer months of 1914 the National Board of Censorship estimated that in New York City between \$50,000 and \$90,000 people—one-seventh of the total population—attended the motion picture theatres daily. Admission receipts total in 1914 (to December 1) approximately \$318,000,000 for the movie theatres of the country.

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**A Labyrinth of Trenches.**

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The "Eyewitness" says that the Germans reached the French trenches and there were almost wiped out, seventy-five bodies being counted in front of the defender's line. It was reported that not more than two or three of them escaped. He continued:

"The enemy's losses in La Bassee area appears to have been heavy. The reason for their activity along the canal was that they had suffered severely from an influenza fire brought to bear upon them by one of our machine guns, from a post they attacked. In two days one of their companies had lost thirty men from shell fire alone."

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## Scathing Indictment Against the Ancient Enemies of Newfoundland Progress

**"It is remarkable that in every movement for amelioration of the country we invariably find the merchants obstructing and opposing the improvement."**

**Bishop Mullock.**

**M**UNN and the Bowring Boy have been utilized by Water Street to defy the people's request, and their conduct has aroused a very bitter resentment against the few kid-gloved grabbers of Water Street.

They are to-day exhibiting some of the dirty deeds that made the people hate their taskmasters and which called forth such a scathing indictment by the great defenders of Democracy who endeavoured in days gone by to defend the cause of the people against their oppressors.

**What Bishop Mullock Stated**

That saintly man who did as much for Newfoundland as any that ever resided in the Colony, and who later was lamented so exceedingly by the people of all sects,—the late Bishop Mullock—wrote those scathing words about the treatment accorded the people by Water Street merchants.

**It is remarkable that in every movement for amelioration of the country, we invariably find the merchants obstructing and opposing the improvement**

**In 1729 they upheld the rule of the fishery admirals, and opposed the establishment of a crown governor. When it was necessary to establish law courts, and appoint a Chief Justice and assistant Judges, again they are in opposition. The establishment of a Colonial Legislature, found the majority of them, opponents, and latterly the principal opposition to Responsible Government, and free trade came from the mercantile body. Their interest and those of the people were never identical.**

Those words were written by the brilliant pen of Dr. Mullock in 1856. He accused them of opposing every movement for the amelioration of the Country. (Note the scathing indictment). They upheld the rule of the fishing Admirals; they opposed the establishment of a Crown Governor; they opposed the establishment of Law Courts, because they wished to be the judges themselves and administer the laws of their own imagination as they deemed proper to further their own interests.

**Balance Paid in Truck**

Only God and our poor forebears know what they endured under the law administration of the merchant lords a hundred years ago.

Every fish caught had to be handed over to their taskmasters. Every ounce of food, every inch of goods, had to be taken from the taskmasters at whatever prices they choose to name, and when the voyage was over the balance due—if any—was taken in truck. If they did not like the treatment they could apply to the so-called courts and have their troubles adjusted by their taskmasters.

Is it any wonder the fishermen in their inner hearts hate the merchants intensely and will never trust them or consider that they are any better than legalized robbers?

**Opposed All Progress**

It was Dr. Mullock who branded their conduct as legalized robbery.

They opposed the appointment of a Chief Justice, states the saintly Dr. Mullock. They opposed the proposal to establish a Supreme Court. They fought

against the establishment of a Colonial Legislature. Then latterly they bitterly opposed the granting of Responsible Government.

They spent thousands that they grabbed from the toil of the sea toilers to defeat the establishment of Responsible Government, but their efforts ended in failure. They were forced by the people to swallow their medicine and they have always hated the common people and endeavoured by trickery, fraud, deceit, and brow-beating to keep them under as serfs and chain them to slavery that made Merchant Princes of one and paupers of the other.

**A Duty to State the Truth**

Bishop Mullock was in his day the sole defender of the poor toilers, and when he wrote his history of the Church in Newfoundland he felt it his duty to state the whole truth concerning the treatment of the poor fishermen's taskmasters.

The interest of the merchant and those of the people were never identical said that meek and holy man, but the condemnation of the people's taskmasters did not terminate with Dr. Mullock's death.

**A Terribly Severe Indictment**

Another, lately laid at rest—Archbishop Howley—who throughout his life always defended the Rights of the People and placed the interests of Country always in the forefront of his principles, wrote in that book on Church History that has become world known, words endorsing all that Dr. Mullock had written about the conduct of the merchants and then expressed his feelings by stating:

**"A terribly severe indictment but not too much so. They are the deductions of a clean historical mind, from the study of our past history. The pages of Chief Justice Reeves an impartial authority tell the tale in terms not less terrible, from being couched in the authentic records of the period, and at the present day, after a lapse of over thirty years of modern development, and enlightenment, have we anything to nullify, and erase, in the strictures of Dr. Mullock. Alas, no, on the contrary, many other counts must be added to the indictment. The merchants were opposed to the construction of our dry dock, to the undertaking of railway work, to the opening up of mines, topographical and geographical surveys, and such public enterprises, in fact to all that could raise Newfoundland from the condition of a fishery station.**

**Other Counts Must be Added**

Yes, stated the venerable Archbishop, after thirty years of modern development and enlightenment we can nullify and erase not a stricture recorded by Dr. Mullock, "but" said His Grace, "on the contrary, many other counts must be added to the indictment."

Archbishop Howley in his History states the merchants were opposed to construction of the dry dock, they were opposed to railway construction; they were opposed to the opening of mines, and geological surveys—to all in fact that could raise Newfoundland from the condition of a fishing station.

Will our readers look up Archbishop

Howley's Ecclesiastical History and read pages 169-171, and peruse the burning language in which he so ably portrayed the endeavours of the taskmasters of the people to keep the Country as a fishing station and the people their unwilling serfs.

They opposed every improvement and change that would lead to the uplifting of the Country and its Sons of Toil, but step by step they were compelled to swallow their medicine and to-day their defiance of public opinion by the miserable specimen of humanity known as Jack Munn who sprang from another branch of the mongrel taskmasters who laid Harbor Grace low and turned a thriving town into a condition that leaves it to-day the saddest spot in Newfoundland, is but another attempt of Water Street to prevent the people from becoming wholly free and thrusting aside for ever the shackles that have for generations bound their class.

**Same Haughty Scorn Still Lives**

The same haughty defiant scorn that was so scathingly exposed by Dr. Mullock and Archbishop Howley still lingers amongst the dying embers that compose the make up of the greatest portion of Water Street grabbers.

Munn and the featherweight Bowring boy have once more been utilized by the legalized robbers of Water Street to defy the people's wish and what they did last week will be the weapon that will cause the whole population of toilers to back poor Coaker's efforts to place those upstarts once and for ever in their proper places.

**78 Men Die Within Hearing**

This fight will be continued until a general election places the people in charge of the Legislative machinery that operates the Colony and then reforms long wished for, long hoped for, will be initiated that will never again permit boys like Munn and Eric Bowring to back up the conduct of a man that must have lost his reason last Spring when he permitted 78 men to die almost within hearing of his ship's steam whistle, with out making the slightest effort to rescue them.

Great Creator of all—how can reasonable men ever again be subject to the orders of such a man! How can any man sail under such a master again and hope to escape horrors and haunting that will remain with them for life!

Munn is the puppet of the clique that defies the people's wishes.

**Peoples Cause Prevails**

The taskmasters of former generations acted exactly the same, but the people's cause prevailed, and thanks be to God, whose help is always on the side of Right, this final fight of the Toilers for Liberty and complete control will end by placing the People in Power, and making upstart legalized robbers who thrive along Water Street swallow the final dose of bitterness that will forever suffice to keep them in their proper place.

Bowings can put up their shutters to-morrow. Their lands and buildings would not be open to purchase 24 hours before a buyer would present himself, and if that buyer could not operate business with as much ability as Jack Munn or the Bowring Boy, he ought to be given a job in the institution opposite the moral uplifting production of Bowings, situated at Waterford Road.

We will continue to show our readers what the venerated clergy have written concerning the merchants of Newfoundland. We have the works of the late lamented and well known writer, Rev. Phillip Tocque, which we will review.

We have also some very interesting reading from the pen of the venerable Canon Smith, who at one time was one of the people's strongest defenders. It will all come in good time. We fear our readers are too anxious. They would like to have a whole paper full of our shrapnel for their taskmasters.

We will issue a special eight-page paper during the latter part of this week, which will be sent into every hamlet, town and settlement in the Colony—20,000 will be printed. The whole issue—the eight entire pages—will consist of matter dealing with this Bowring-Kean outrage. It will be a splendid paper to send to friends abroad, or in distant outports, for all will be glad to hear the particulars of this final fight of the Toilers in Terra Nova for Liberty.

(To be continued from day to day)

## "Justice" Suggests Kean Withdraw

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—The only clean way out of the present "F.P.U. and Kean tangle" is for the latter to withdraw out of this year's prosecution of the fishery.

The public have followed up the whole question, and judge that Captain Kean has lost the confidence of the people, and stands in a false position with the Bowring firm.

Kean is not worth all this work, and if he refuses to acknowledge his weak position, he is less a man than Mr. Munn who for pure "pig-headedness" is a gentleman second to none in the Country.

The sealers who owe their safety to experienced and trustworthy commanders have a just and perfect right to insist on the withdrawal of Capt. Kean, and I hope they will do it.

—"JUSTICE"

## BOWRING BENEFACTIONS TO CITY AND OUTPORTS

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—I have just read a letter by "Patriot"? He says he does not want to come before the public as a writer, well! he does not. It would have been much better to have let Prudence conquer Van ity as he only succeeded in offending the minds of reasoning people with so much senseless clap trap.

He talks of *Might and Right* in the great world struggle, he does not mention *Might and Right* in the great struggle here. From an interested onlooker's point of view Mr. Coaker has both *Right and Might*.

In any other country Capt. Kean would now have been without a Master's Certificate.

Then Bowring's benefactions to City and Outports, may that not have been conscience money or a short cut to royal honours, in any case it would only be as very small proportion of the profits they had made out of the fishermen!

**Business For Profit**

Why don't Bowring's close down, "Patriot" answers that when he says they are not in business for their health, they are in business for PROFIT, with capital letters too.

Then who helped to make the widows and orphans?

The fishermen do not wish to have Munn, Bowring & Co. insulted, they only wish to have them corrected. Evidently Bowring Bros. did play a very good game before Mr. Coaker was thought of, for their own benefit.

**Brains Resemble Driftwood**

No, Mr. Coaker's brain is not the only pebble on the beach, at the present time it seems to be very sound, the brains of "Patriot" and those he champions somewhat resemble driftwood. Eight per cent. seems to have knocked them.

Talking of what Mr. Coaker is living on, the other side seems to subsist on "Sas" a very dangerous thing to be in childish hands, it sometimes bursts.

Anyone with brains does not bring the King's name into political affairs. Certainly Country before satisfaction, that's it, 20,000 fishermen against one man and a few others.

Now Patriot & Co., Etc., just close down yourselves, you are only a few against many, let us have peace and happiness, we should have had something near it but for Bowring's second cable.

Yes! the greatest labour union leaders are quiet now, but then they have not Bowring's to deal with. "Tis Liberty and Right we are after," just so, and the Fishermen are going to get it.

Mr. Editor, do you think Capt. Kean would like to lecture to the Widows and Orphans of the sealing disaster? If so, probably he would take as his subject, "Motives of a Great Man."

"ON LOOKER."

St. John's, Feb. 22, 1915.

[We do not think Capt. Kean would venture to go on the lecture platform down North, to speak on any subject, unless it be to ask forgiveness for what he has done.—Editor.]

## Abram Kean Held Responsible

**That Feeling Has Not Been Quelled By the Latest Episode on the Part of Bowring's**

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—I have read with much interest your articles re Bowring-Kean outrage and must confess that while I always had a good opinion of that firm I am now disgusted with them and my confidence in the firm can never again be replaced while Munn is in charge. A man or firm guilty of such conduct can never be any good, and the sooner such men bury themselves from the eyes of the public the better for all concerned. The matter of allowing Kean to sail in command of a sealer again, not only concerns the fishermen, but the public in general.

I am quite positive that the public don't want another disaster and if Kean hadn't been so near the Newfoundland last Spring 78 poor unfortunate would not have perished as they did.

**Public Holds Kean to Blame**

The public is quite aware that Abe Kean is chiefly responsible for the loss of the 78 Sons of Toil, and Munn or Bowring's should never again allow him to sail as captain or blunderer of a sealing steamer.

Everybody felt satisfied when they heard that Kean wasn't going to the seal-fishery as captain and decided that the firm of Bowring Brothers had acted wisely and it was a relief indeed to the whole Country. Subsequently when the Bowring Liverpool dishonour and deception became known and that Munn had agreed with Kean to go in command of the *Florizel*, the whole Country became indignant and is now in an uproar because the wishes of the people are defied.

**Shame Upon the Firm**

Shame upon the firm that is guilty of such contemptible conduct. How much longer will the courts be deprived of the chace to mete out complete Justice between the people and those responsible for the present uproar.

**Will Demand Legislation**

An enlightened and long suffering public will some day, and perhaps soon, rise in the majesty of their power and demand that the legislature take action. There was of course a Commission appointed but of what use was it, only what Mr. Coaker predicted from the beginning, a farce and a failure.

Hoping that Bowring Brothers will reconsider what they have done, and that Kean will be manly enough to withdraw voluntarily and thus save the Country from a great calamity.

A SEALER.

Trinity East, Feb. 20, 1915.

# The Mail and Advocate.

ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND, FEBRUARY 24, 1915.

## Rt. Rev. Mgr. Roache Elected To See of St. John's and Archbishopric of Nfld.

It is with more than ordinary pleasure and gratification that we hail the welcome news of the appointing of Right Rev. Monsignor Roche to the distinguished seat of Archbishop of St. John's. The message of honor came from the Papal delegate, Most Rev. Peregrin F. Stagni to his Lordship Bishop March of Hr. Grace, and when the glad tidings became known to the people, great joy was expressed—the joy that is real of the heart—satisfied.

From time to time, when great public questions arose, and the power of minds had to do battle where success and public beneficency would be the issue, 'tis men like Archbishop Roche who rise to the occasion, and 'tis the ability of mind which is his and his compeers, that grapples with situations, whether they relate to church or state.

To be Archbishop of the Roman Catholic Church in this the Oldest Colony is a dignity and an honor but it does not elevate our late beloved Monsignor, because he had already reached the highest pinnacle to which the estimation of the people of all classes, and of all creeds could raise him. The dignity of his sacred office has become part of the dignity of the great Catholic Church, but the personal man was always great, in mind, in temperament, and in soul.

Since the death of his Grace the late Archbishop Howley, Monsignor Roche has handled the affairs of the Church with efficiency and with success, and with dignity.

During the latter part of our late lamented Archbishop's life, the affairs of the Church in St. John's were intrusted to the guardianship of Monsignor Roche, His Grace Archbishop Howley knew where to place trust and confidence, and both he bespoke for the Monsignor and both were well expressed.

In many public questions which arise from time to time, His Grace Archbishop Roche has always been welcomed as a debater, his views are firm, and his counsel is of the experience of a man who knows the world.

His handling of Ecclesiastical subjects is powerful, his grasp of men and of the different characteristic of the body militant is unerring, and the tendency of his whole life has been towards the good of his Church.

Forty-one years ago our new Archbishop was born in Placentia, that historic home which has given another brilliant son to the Church in the person of Rev. Dr. O'Reilly.

At St. Patrick's Hall Schools, and later at St. Bonaventure's College the young student expressed by attention to studies and to the work of the hour, the great and holy way that he wished to walk.

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In 1898 Fr. Roche was appointed to the parish of Topsail, and during his stay there, worked with all the zeal of a young and ardent priest, attending to the wants of all, and doing—"all that hath been done"—for the greater glory of God.

Fr. Roche was appointed to the Cathedral by the late Archbishop Howley in the summer of 1907, and almost immediately the dignity of Church honors was shown to him, and he was soon made Monsignor. Shortly after he became Administrator, and now, to the satisfaction of all, he is our own beloved Archbishop, and we rejoice, filicitations to His Grace, Archbishop Designate Roche.

May many years of life, of happiness and good doing be his. May the Church of which he is the chief here, continue to look up to him with love and with honor. May his life be passed in all the sacred duties of his high office, with ever increasing zeal, and ever binding love.

To Archbishop Roche our respectful and hearty filicitations to-day.

### LABOR PROBLEM

The Labor Problem and general conditions of the laboring classes, etc., form the topic of conversation all over the city.

At the G.P.O. on the street, on the wharves, in stores, and at the various club rooms and halls, the immediate wants of our city and the preparations for the forthcoming seal fishery are being eagerly discussed.

War news is now at a discount, and citizens are settling down to the hard fact, that as charity begins at home,

something of a practical nature has got to be immediately put in force towards providing a remedy for the future welfare of the masses by our Civic Commission and the General Government of the Colony.

### TALK IS CHEAP—

Advertising is also very cheap, if carried in the right medium. The Mail and Advocate is the Can't Lose paper now. Must be true. Everybody's talking. It's not the price you pay but the returns you get.

### FOGO UNIONISTS HOLD PARADE

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)

Dear Sir,—Will you please allow me space in your valuable paper to make a few remarks about the Union parade at Fogo. The Union men paraded here on the 10th of February. They had a grand day, the best one for the winter. On leaving the S.U.F. Hall, they were headed by the Union Jack, kindly loaned by a friend. After came the big F.P.U., and then the ensigns.

On parading first to the Court-house they saluted the King, and sang the National Anthem. Then they marched to Back Cove, then to North Side, across the harbour to South Side, then back again to the Hall, where they found an excellent tea prepared for them by the ladies.

Several addresses were given which were very interesting and highly appreciated. The chairman's address brought the entertainment to a close.

Fogo, Feb. 12, 1915.

### Bunyan's Council Elects Officers

(Editor Mail and Advocate.)

Dear Sir,—On Dec. 28 last we held our annual meeting which was well attended. Considerable progress was made during 1914 and we are all determined to do more for the Union during 1915.

The election of officers for 1915 resulted as follows:

- Chairman, John Burt, re-elected.
  - Deputy Chairman, Wm. Churchill, elected.
  - Secretary, Herbert Elliott, elected.
  - Treasurer, Herbert Clarke, re-elected.
  - Door Guard, Thomas Hobbs, re-elected.
- With best wishes for our success.  
—JOHN BURT, Chairman.  
Bunyan's Cove, Feb. 4, 15.

### All About Foxes

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—Through the kindness of a friend we received a copy of prospectus of the Canada-Newfoundland Silver Black Fox Company, Ltd.

We observe on page six that the promoters of that company saw fit to publish the capitalization per pair of eight P. E. Island companies, one of which is the Sovereign Silver Black Fox Company, of which the undersigned is president and manager.

Now comparisons, to my mind, are always odious and it ill becomes any fox company to attempt to drag a red herring across the trail, or in any way interfere with any other fox company, and here in P.E. Island it has never been done. Let each company "hoe their own row" and it is with reluctance that we are compelled, in justice to the Newfoundland share holders of the Sovereign Silver Black Fox Co. to say a word in defence of the capitalization of the Sovereign company from a momentary standpoint.

On page ten the prospectus of the Canada-Newfoundland Fox Company gives an account of sales of twenty-five ranch bred fox skins shipped to C. M. Lampson & Company, London, England, each averaged \$1,340.41 per skin. The Canada-Newfoundland Fox Company, since they saw fit to mention the Charles Dalton Fox Company as one of the companies with a high capitalization per pair, should have been honest enough to state that the shipment of skins above referred to were marketed in 1910 by the Hon. Charles Dalton from his ranch in P. E. Island, and since they have started in to make comparisons they should have gone further and stated that the average of all silver black fox skins sold in London in 1910 was only \$290.01 per skin. They could have stated that the year 1910 was not an exception, as the foxes from this Island ranch hold the world's unbroken record for fourteen years. If necessary we can furnish figures for each year. It took this

P. E. Island rancher thirty years of selecting and mating to bring his foxes to this high standard.

With regard to the soil and climate having a lot to do with the high quality of fur produced here, we quote an extract from an official report to the United States Government as published in the daily consular and trade reports of January 11th, 1913, by the Honorable Wesley Frost, United States Consul at Charlottetown at that time. It is as follows:—

"The perfect adaptiveness of this province to the production of the highest grade of fur fox is indicated by the superior prices which the price of wild P. E. Island foxes secured in years gone by, and also by the present high value of red fox skins from this region as compared with common skins. The temperature and humidity of the Island are a happy medium between the intense cold and the moist dull weather of Newfoundland, Labrador and Alaska, and the warmer drier weather of regions farther south. The far northern furs are said to coarse and shaggy, while the furs produced in the southern States are said to be light and thin."

Now the foxes owned by the Sovereign Silver Black Fox Company are from selected stock of the cream of the Dalton ranch, and on a fur basis should average higher than any other ranch in the world. We have nothing to say about the Newfoundland fox. Occasionally a fox is caught in the wilds whose pelt would bring a good price, but it is the law of average that is the one method of proving the difference in value between the pure P. E. Island silver black foxes and silver black foxes from any other part of the world, just the same as between standard bred horses, cattle, sheep, pigs and the other grades.

W. P. CALLAGHAN.  
St. Louis, P. E. Island.  
Feb. 13, 1915.

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Mr. James Murphy Writes  
Regarding Civic Matters

Sir.—Housing of the poor was to be the ideal act in Gosling's programme a short twelve months ago. It was proclaimed from hill top and valley. How he has fulfilled that promise may be seen without the aid of a spy glass. To use a scriptural phrase, "Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee." Fellow citizens, those tenements mooted by Gosling for the shelter of the poor, still remain sine dine: they remain as he placed them, on paper, and I am inclined to think, and seriously so, that on paper they will remain, at any rate, so far as Gosling is concerned. Had I Philoctetes' gall-stepped arrow, the Simoons' breath or Ithical's spear I would belabor Gosling in such a manner that his best friend in the Current Events Club would not know him. Codding the poor and helping to shorten their days would be the most appropriate terms to apply to Gosling's promises.

Twenty-six years ago the late Councillor Carnell was very pronounced on what he termed "rats' nests," which then existed at Dogs' Town, old and dilapidated rookeries, pest-houses in which hundreds of poor people were herded like cattle. The same sort of shacks, or "rats' nests" exist to-day in St. John's West. Those at Dogs' Town were burned at the time of the big fire of 1862, and I am very much afraid, as the saying goes that Heaven will have to intervene in ridding the "rats' nests" from St. John's West. If our poor are to be better housed and a spirit of cleanliness inculcated in them it won't be a Gosling who'll do it; a more large-hearted bird will have to enlarge the suffrage of the honest and humble taxpayers.

When St. John's contained a population of 25,000, it was said that 150 deaths occurred here yearly, greater than among a like population in London, the metropolis of the world. I have this on the undisputed authority of one who, in his day, was second to none as a writer and a lover of Newfoundland. This gentleman said, "if our people were taken out and shot, a hue and cry would be raised against the crime, but what about us, allowing them to die a living death?" This is the policy, seemingly, which Gosling pursues, allowing the poor to die a living death. He has neglected to foster measures of a sanitary nature, to preserve the lives of the citizens. A man who has neglected his pledges, as he has done, after the public put him in the way to hobnob with Royalty—is not worthy of the name of a man. He has applied the balm of unkindness to their ills. We have hundreds of homes unfit for human habitation, disease incubators, germ breeders. The owners who derive rent from them must have hearts like the Valentine McClutcheys, of Ireland, of a past age, when they extracted from the peasantry the proverbial pound of flesh for mud cabins, at the bayonet's point. Why doesn't Gosling bestir himself and enforce the owners of these pig sties to rebuild or to destroy them. If a citizen should be located with a can of ashes capsize before his dwelling, he would be, in all probability, summoned before Court for committing a breach of the Nuisance Act. But here we have hovels, sheltering human beings, fashioned in the likeness of a Divine Saviour, permitted to live and end their days and

no hand put out to save them. It would melt the heart of a stone to see the habitations in which the poor of this city reside where they "do not die by the act of God, but by the act of man." Shakespeare tells us that. "Our remedies oft in ourselves do lie, Which we ascribe to Heaven."

I ask a plain unvarnished question, and one which interests every man, woman and child in this community: "What are we going to do about it?" What we need first of all are public men, who, as the late President Garfield remarked "can look the devil in the face and tell him that he is the devil."

Gosling, nor those who surround him at the Council Board are not the type of men to take an interest in the poor man. Their Shylock policy never was, nor never will be tolerated in this country while men have the use of a conscience which God gives them as free as the salt sea waves.

The health of the infidel Jap is cared for in a way that should make us blush with shame. The Japs are noted for their personal cleanliness. At Tokio a bath costs one penny, at St. John's a workingman could not procure a bath for love nor money.

Not a place to have one is fostered by our local philanthropists? (God save the mark). No one seems to care three straws about the poor. Grind them, make them hewers of wood, and drawers of water, take every opportunity which the mind of Satan can offer "to squeeze the life blood out of the beggars." Now, isn't that the motto of the man of the Gosling stamp. Not contented to leave the poor to rot in filthy houses, and lanes as filthy, we find them adopting a principle bordering on the policy of Malthus, they wait to starve them also. Not a day's work will they offer them, though in cities elsewhere the first thing which a Council does, and is doing just now, is to spend money on public works to alleviate the sufferings of the poor. But Gosling says, "Help the rich, the poor can beg." But never mind, a day of reckoning is at hand when their sins will find them out. Gosling is a servant of Mammon, and to this God he caters. It is his idol and ideal as well. Root, hog or die is the maxim he hands out to you, the soft-hearted, poor and honest, working-men of St. John's.

Snugly escoted and faring sumptuously arrayed in luxury in his mansion, Gosling looks on with a heart of adamant and refuses to give work to the poor man, who clamours for it to keep the wolf from the door. He tells them that the Council is not supposed to find it, it is not a rule to do so. Even if this be true can he not for the time being break that rule. Our Lord tells us that when King David was poor and hungry he went into the tabernacle, when Abiathar was the high priest there, and ate the shew bread which none but the priests might eat, and give it also to his followers, and no one has ever blamed King David for breaking a little rule to feed his starving men.

JAMES MURPHY, St. John's, Feb. 23, 1915.

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FROM HARBOR MAIN

Protests Against Kean Prosecuting  
The Sealfishery

(Editor Mail and Advocate.) Dear Sir,—Please allow me space in your valuable paper to say a word or two about "the Kean affair," which is occupying so much of the attention of the fishermen at present.

To say that we were astonished on reading yesterday's Daily Mail would be putting it mildly. Every fisherman in the District, with the exception of a very few political parasites, is indignant over the mean and dishonourable tactics of Bowring Bros. in giving Abram Kean command of the Florizel this spring, when only a few days ago the Liverpool Directors cabled to say Kean should not go. Undoubtedly the wires have been pulled by Jack Munn and in consequence, the order has been rescinded. But President Coaker's ultimatum is that Kean shall not go and in that ultimatum he is backed by every Union man, and several non-Union men as well, in Hr. Main District.

Who have made the firm of Bowring Bros. what it is to-day? The sollers of Terra Nova. Who have brought their richly laden vessels to that firm, thereby enriching it and making its members powers in the land? The tollers of Terra Nova.

And are those hardy fishermen, those brave heroes of our sea-girth home, whose daily calling is to face the stormy Atlantic, "where Death rides on every passing breeze," in order to eke out a miserable existence—going to be dominated by a couple of insignificant nonentities? Are they going to allow Kean, whose ship so many of our hardy fishermen left last spring to suffer pains incomparably greater than we can imagine, and at last to be frozen to death—to go to the icefields again? No, I cannot believe that they will be renegades to their fellow tollers. I cannot believe that a crew will be found to sail with him, for by so doing, they would be stigmatizing themselves as heartless Huns and degenerate sons of their courageous forefathers, who came from Devon, Bonny Scotland and The

Emerald Isle, and by their intrepidity braved and conquered all difficulties.

Men of Newfoundland, let me take you back to that awful night of the 31st of March last when that dreadful catastrophe occurred, which is unparalleled in the annals of our history. Can you not, in fancy, hear the groans of the dying, the cries of anguish, and the last prayer breathed out in supplication for forgiveness before the soul flees to be arrayed before that dreadful tribunal? Can you not, in fancy, again hear the moans and lamentations of an aged mother, who has been bereft of her darling boy, her only support? Can you not hear the cries of the widow and her orphan children, who perhaps are in need of bread to-day, and can you not, in fancy, see the young wife, who looks wistfully out to sea, for the husband that she shall never more behold this side of Paradise?

Meditate for one short half-hour, and if these thoughts do not move you then, indeed, "Has reason fled to brutish beasts." Ask yourselves who is mainly responsible for so much sufferings, then arise in your numbers and see that your mandates be obeyed for "the voice of the people is the voice of God."

President Coaker, the only man in Newfoundland who is truly the fisherman's friend, is at your head. Show him, by taking a determined stand, that you appreciate his efforts to better your condition and that you will stand or fall with him. Show Bowring Bros. that you will not be dominated over, and that Kean shall not be foisted upon you. President Coaker is fighting for a just and righteous cause. So let us, one and all, array ourselves by his side, and with that indomitable courage which knows "no surrender," he will show those despots that "Justice shall be done though the heavens should fall." JUSTICE.

Dist. of Hr. Main., Feb. 27, 1915.

A FINE SHIP  
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Liverpool, Jan. 28, 1915.

Dear Mother,—I received your letter yesterday, and was more than glad to hear from you.

I am well and hope this will reach you the same. I am enjoying myself fine, we came in here yesterday, after being out at sea for a month, there is twenty-eight of us here in this ship, and nearly all belong to Trinity Bay. We haven't had any snow yet.

When you write, tell me where the boys from our place are, too. Get their addresses and send them to me, also the names of those who have joined the Navy.

I couldn't send any cards at Christmas, because we were out at sea.

Our fleet had a great battle on the sea yesterday where we came from. There was one sunk and two more badly damaged of the German fleet.

We are here for a week now. We got 3 days' leave each and a free pass wherever we want to go.

When you write tell me if Eph. is married. We have got a very good ship. She is the best rough water boat ever I saw. Give my love to all the people, and tell Edgar Hart to write me. My address is "H.M.S. Orpheus, G.P.O. London, Eng." I am writing him. Tell Bob not to work too hard in the woods. Good bye.

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Mr. McGrath, President of the Laborers' Union, in speaking to our representative last evening, was very emphatic regarding the due to the laboring classes of full, hard earned wage, and his men have refused to touch the cargo of the Desola for the paltry wage given.

As a result, the ship has not yet been discharged of any of her freight, nor is it likely that anything will be done, save some more satisfactory understanding is arrived at.

The whole proceedings expose the Reids and those of their kind, and he laboring classes of St. John's shall remember it, and in the future act accordingly.

ICE SPORTS  
Bandmaster Bulley, of the C.C.C. Band, and several prominent citizens, are arranging for a night of Ice Sports consisting of short period hockey matches, skating races, etc., interspersed with musical selections by the C.C.C. Band—to be held in the Prince's Rink, the net proceeds of which will be devoted to the various charitable societies in the city.

The rink has been secured from manager Donnelly for such a purpose, and we understand that the necessary arrangements are being made to hold the event during the second week in March—ice permitting.

LOCAL ITEMS  
It is calm and fine along the railway to-day.

Fr. Cox, of the Jesuit Mission, will preach at the R. C. Cathedral to-night.

The steamers Bruce, Home and Feige are still detained at St. Lawrence by ice, and from reports received by the Reid Coy., we learn that the whole of Piacenta Bay, and extending outside as far as St. Lawrence, is locked.

A prominent West End M.H.A. is at present very busy in voicing his opinion that there is no poverty in his district.

If the same honorable member would expend a tithe of the energy displayed in soliciting votes at the last General Election, he might get an eye-opener that would help him out in qualifying for membership amongst the Labor Problem Solvers.

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