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PROPOSES TO OUTLAW MILITANT SUFFRAGETTES

Scientist Makes Unique Proposal for Punishment of the "Wild Women."—Would Refuse Them all Redress at Common Law.—Will Suggestion be Adopted by Authorities?

London, April 17.—Should criminal militants be outlawed? A short time ago Dr. Charles Merdier suggested that suffragette criminals should be allowed to starve. But there are legal objections to his proposals, and in a letter to The Times, he recommended outlawry as an alternative punishment. Dr. Merdier says: "Outlawry is obsolete, it is true. But this objection would disappear if it were called by some other name, such as 'delegalisation' or 'withdrawal of civil rights.'"

Life Protected. "The police would keep the peace and protect the life of an outlawed woman; but her punishment would still be severe. "No will made by her would stand. She could neither rent a dwelling nor exact rent for one. Whatever the source of her income, her receipt of it would depend on the good will of those who paid it; she could not enforce payment of that or of any other debt by any process of law."

Policewomen were too great a draw. Chicago, April 17.—Women police have proved too great a success in Chicago. They have been employed to deal with trouble at a boycotted restaurant, which was picketed by waitresses. But their efforts, instead of having a pacific effect, made tumult more tumultuous, for when a woman found she was being arrested by a woman she fought her tooth and nail, while a huge crowd gathered to see the "sport" and to cheer the combatants. Chief of Police Gleason has now acted with remorseless and unerring instinct. He has withdrawn the women police—they were too great a novelty.

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They Bought Up and Destroyed Disused Mine and Whole Deserted Village.

A real mine explosion, in which a whole village is blown up and is seen to collapse into the ground—that is the latest thrilling event to be seen shortly at the "pictures."

For the purpose of producing the film, called "Through Fire to Fortune," or "The Sunken Village," which cost, it is stated, £15,000, a disused mine was bought up, as well as a village of old houses above it, at Silver City, New Mexico, by the Lubin Film Company.

At a given signal the mine—in which was a "vein" of petroleum—was fired. The wooden supports of the mine blazed furiously, the supports collapsed, and the houses of the village crumbled and fell to pieces like a pack of cards.

Rev. G. Lloyd, son of Mr. G. B. Lloyd, of the General Post Office, is a passenger from Canada by to-day's express.

DISCOVER CASTRO'S PLACE OF HIDING

Ex-President of Venezuela Found in Trinidad With Big Stock of Arms.

New York, April 17.—A telegram from Port of Spain, Trinidad, states that General Cipriano Castro, ex-President of Venezuela, whose whereabouts have been unknown for several months, was discovered there. A party of detectives raided an hotel occupied mainly by Venezuelans and found 40,000 rounds of ammunition and a few revolvers.

After obtaining a search warrant for arms, they proceeded to the house occupied by the ex-President's brother, Carmelo Castro, where they came upon Cipriano Castro himself. The General was extremely indignant at the method adopted by the police, which he denounced as harsh and unnecessary.

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BOTH PREPARING FOR "RAINY DAY"

New York, April 18.—A cable from London to the New York American says:

Ulster and the Government are vying with each other in preparations for the "rainy day" to come.

While the latter is massing troops in various frontiers of Ulster which divide it from the Nationalist south, Ulster is placing off all her valuable securities for safe custody in London banks and safe deposits. So great is the anxiety in the northern counties of Ireland that masses of securities are being forwarded daily, more especially holdings by Ulster investors.

EFFORT MADE TO SAVE THE FIELD OF WATERLOO

London, April 15.—At a meeting at Apsley House, presided over by the Duke of Wellington, decided to raise a fund of £10,000 to prevent the battlefield of Waterloo being spoiled by building.

4 U.S. Marines Killed In Sharp Engagement At Vera Cruz, Mexico

BATTLE FOUGHT IN STREETS

Mexicans Suffered United States Forces to Land Without Opposition, But Fired on Them as They Advanced on the Public Offices.

Vera Cruz, April 22.—Vera Cruz is in the hands of the United States war ships, but the occupation not accomplished without the loss of American lives.

Four Americans were killed by the fire of the Mexicans and twenty-one fell wounded. The Mexican loss is not known but it is believed it was heavy.

The Mexican Commander, General Mass, offered a stubborn resistance to the American advance and for many hours there was fighting in the streets.

Rear Admiral Fletcher, in command of the United States warships, prefaced his occupation of the port by demanding through the American Consul for surrender.

Declined to Accede.

Mass declined to accede to this demand, and shortly afterward ten whaleboats were sent off from the side of the transport Prairie loaded with marines.

The coming of the United States forces was not heralded by any great excitement, but small crowds gathered to watch the landing. Soon bluejackets and marines marched through the streets leading from the waterfront and along the railroad yards. Others proceeded to the United States Consulate, while still others were scattered along the approaches to the Central Plaza, in which Mass had concentrated his men.

Mexicans Fired Volley.

These manoeuvres were effected without opposition, but suddenly Mass challenged the advance. With the first shot a volley was fired from a point three blocks from the marines.

The marines replied immediately, but the action ceased in a moment.

There was a lull of ten minutes and then another brief exchange and at 12.30 the fire became general.

At 1 o'clock the transport Prairie went into action. Prior to this a detachment of

CUT OFF MEXICAN SUPPLIES OF ARMS

Huerta Deprived of Two Million Rounds and Two Hundred Field Guns.

Washington, April 21.—The first important step in the new Wilson policy of active interference in Mexico has been taken.

The Customs House at Vera Cruz has been seized in order to prevent Huerta from receiving 2,000,000 rounds of ammunition and 200 field guns, which might be turned against American invading forces.

Rear Admiral Fletcher to-day landed a force of marines that took charge of Vera Cruz. This action was taken as the result of a wireless message from Arlington station, by direction of the President at four o'clock this morning.

bluejackets from the Utah holding the ground between the Consulate and the waterfront opened fire with two of their three inch guns.

Knocked Down Tower.

The first shot from these pieces were directed against an ancient tower, which once served as a lighthouse. This was occupied by Mexican sharpshooters. Five shots brought the tower down. The women of the American colony in Vera Cruz had already been placed aboard the steamers Esperanza and Mexico, but the foreign Colony, especially the American section, was greatly augmented yesterday when three trainloads arrived from the capital. Some of these remained ashore, but many were taken aboard the steamers. So far as can be learned none of the refugees was injured.

The Post Office, Government Telegraph Office and Cable Offices were the first buildings occupied after the Customs House. Telegraph wires found intact, and enough Mexican operators were detained to man lines to Mexico City.

Fired From Housetops.

After Maas had been driven from his position in the Central Plaza, the Americans found themselves the object of fusillades from the tops of houses where small groups of soldiers and citizens had taken up their position. The greater part of these engaged in this resistance were civilians who refused to accept the occupation passively.

Towards the middle of the af-

"OLD GLORY" FLIES OVER VERA CRUZ

Americans Shelled the City and Forced Garrison to Move Out.

Washington, April 21.—The American flag to-night flies over Vera Cruz.

Four Americans were killed and twenty wounded when a detachment of American marines and bluejackets seized the Customs House, raising the American flag and skirmishing around the Mexican garrison.

Firing was in progress later to-day, according to a despatch from Admiral Fletcher, received at six o'clock.

At first the garrison appeared to be withdrawing, but when the American forces reached the Customs House the Mexicans opened fire.

The Americans immediately began shelling the garrison, which slowly moved out, and kept up the fire from the house tops and in the streets.

BITTER ATTACK ON UNITED STATES

German Papers Show Remarkable Animosity Against the American Republic.

Berlin, April 21.—The Post this morning closes a bitter anti-American editorial with the following words:

"Germany has no reason to desire an American victory. The American Colossus would grow more gigantic, and become more dangerous to us economically than it already is."

The press emphasizes the difficulties that War would bring to the United States on account of guerilla bands.

FIRST ORE CARGO

S.S. Wacomia left Bell Island yesterday for Philadelphia with 7,800 tons ore, shipped by the Nova Scotia Co.

Afternoon a large body of Mexican evacuated their positions and arrow in the sand piles back in the interior, where it is reported from Mexican sources they are expecting to be joined by reinforcements sent down from the capital.

WORDY WAR IN COMMONS OVER ULSTER QUESTION

Asquith Persists in His Refusal For Judicial Inquiry into the Recent Ulster Army Crisis and Unionists are Much Incensed.—Heated Debate Over the Question.

London, April 22.—The Commons met yesterday. There was a conference between Premier Asquith and General Paget, which was also attended by Churchill and ex-Secretary of War Seely.

True to his promise of yesterday Bonar Law this afternoon demanded from the Premier a judicial inquiry into the recent Ulster revelations.

"I do not know exactly what is meant by a judicial inquiry," replied the Premier. "I see no grounds for such a procedure. If the honorable gentleman's charge is that the Government advised and organized a plot with the object of promoting an armed rising in Ulster,—if such a charge is to be seriously made in this House, I will gladly give a day for the making of such a charge at the earliest possible date."

Heated Debate.

This point blank refusal of a judicial inquiry led to a remarkably heated series of exchanges between the leaders of the Government and of the Opposition.

Bonar Law asked heatedly: "Is not the Rt. Hon. gentleman aware that the statements made by him have been proved false?"

Amidst loud Opposition cheers he asked, "What guarantee have we that a similar line of defence will not be taken on further occasion?"

"Why," asked Mr. Law, "if the Premier had nothing to be ashamed of, should he object to have the truth tested at an inquiry where a statement could be made under oath?"

Again the Premier rose with every sign of anger. "I am not aware of anything of the sort," he declared. "If the honorable gentleman is prepared to sustain his allegations, I will give him a day for that purpose at the earliest possible date."

Not Dealt With.

"I have made the charge twice and the Rt. Hon. gentleman has not dealt with it," retorted Law.

"Then am to understand that he does not want a day for this discussion?" asked the Premier.

"This House and country wants to know the truth," replied Law. "It is only by getting the testimony of those directly implicated by the Government that we shall get at the truth."

"I really do not know on what authority the Hon. gentleman claims to speak for the country," replied the Premier.

Resented Taunt.

There was an angry growl from the Opposition at this taunt. Asquith proceeded saying that the additional papers which had been promised in reference to the incidents regarding the Army's duty in the Ul-

DISCOVERS POISON PLOT IN INDIA

University Men Advocated Slaughter of Europeans In The Far East

Calcutta, April 16.—Remarkable evidence was given at Delhi in a sedition case which was the outcome of discoveries made in Calcutta, where a bomb factory was recently found.

The accused were Amir Chand and others. In the search at Calcutta a biscuit-box was found. In it, packed in cotton wool, was a hollow paper cylinder. There were some yellow stains on the cotton wool. Mr. Petrie, additional superintendent of police at Delhi, was warned to be careful, as the contents of the box were still dangerous.

Mr. Petrie stated that among the papers found was a Hindustani pamphlet dealing with the uses of poison for political purposes. With it was a letter bearing the monogram of the University of California and advocating a general massacre of Europeans, especially English people.

FLEET OF TWO HUNDRED STEAMERS TO LIE IDLE

London, April 17.—The Newcastle-on-Tyne firms of shipowners have received a telegram from Genoa stating that the Italian tramp shipowners, representing 210 steamers, have decided to lock out their crews and lay up their steamers, believing that this will favorably influence the freight market.

RUSSIA PREPARES FOR AERIAL WARFARE

St. Petersburg, April 18.—The new programme for the construction of Russia's military air-fleet, which is at present being worked out, provides for 320 aeroplanes and ten air-dreadnoughts. The programme is to be completed by autumn.

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ter trouble would be ready to-morrow.

"When we see these papers we shall consider what steps we may think it worth our while to take," retorted Law amidst laughter from the Opposition ranks.

"Why is the Rt. Hon. gentleman afraid of a judicial inquiry," proceeded Law. "Is it that all the evidence must be under oath?"

"I am not in the least afraid," retorted the Premier, "but if the leaders of the Opposition are to make any charges against Hon. ministers, they must make them in the House."

Law's reply to this was lost in the general noise, he being heartily cheered by his followers at the firm stand he had presented.

Bringing Up Father.-

By George McManus



## A DAUGHTER OF THE STORM!

BY CAPT. FRANK H. SHAW.

### CHAPTER XIX.

#### Concerning The Stowage Of Spirits.

(Continued)

Leigh drew the sleeve of his serge jacket across his brow, and left a red track across the grime. It is hot, dirty work superintending a ship's cargo stowage; it is trying to the temper and wearing to the nervous system. For close on a week now the young officer had spent each and every day crouched in between evil-smelling packages of cargo, attending to the varied minutiae of stowage at one moment, reprimanding a light-fingered stevedore the next, as that worthy's all too subtle fingers crept towards some fat-looking cases of jewellery. But now the work was nearly over, and the cool air of the upper world came gratefully to his heated senses. He stepped out of the nearly filled main-hatch, and the rubbish-littered decks thoughtfully.

"The old Zoroaster doesn't look much of a prize-rocket," he said to himself. "I'm more than half sorry that I did not engage aboard her. But, of course, it will be different—when—"

He left that thought unuttered, and a slow blush deepened the tan of his outdoor life. Even yet he hardly understood the impulse that led him to throw away all those gilt-edged chances of advancement which had been offered to him to satisfy a whim.

"It's a hundred to one that she's left the ship, and that if she hasn't she's engaged to some shore-going chap with a tidy income of his own. If she is I'm a dashed fool, and if she isn't—well, skippers don't generally encourage overmuch intercourse between their daughters and their second mates. However, we've made our bed,

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Leigh, and we'll try to find the soft corners of it. Eh, what's that?"

The foreman stevedore had shambled towards him with a dust-hoarsened query as to the stowage of some fresh cargo.

"That's a rummy notion," said Leigh, shifting his peaked cap to the back at this time! How much is there?"

"Four hundred cases, mister. Blackwell's best brandy—thirty-year-old stuff, and marked, 'With care: perishable.'"

"Enough to set the town on the drink! Let's reckon up our space. There are those five cases of jewellery down the after-hatch, and we can't attempt to unstuff. Then the powder's going down the main into the temporary magazine. That will fill up the main hold pretty effectually. There's only the fore-hatch, by Jove!"

"Lot's o' room there, mister."

"Yes—but—the crew hang out forward and—sailors are uncommonly fond of brandy. Well, it seems the only thing to do. Still, Lees, I don't quite know. Can't you manage to hold the stuff over until the mate comes down?"

"Very well, sir. There's that trifle of general goods in the shed, and we can go on building up down the fore with it. Expecting the mate aboard soon, sir?"

"Yes, he said he'd join to-day. We sail on Friday, don't we?"

"That's her day, Mr. Leigh. You'll hang off Gravesend for a day, though, to take in the explosives. Hallo! here's the mate himself. Might ha' known Mr. Steadman wouldn't be late."

Leigh breathed a sigh of relief as he caught sight of the squat figure of Mr. Steadman coming gingerly over the rail. The mate had a leather portmanteau in his horny fist, and a man behind him carried a sea-chest, whilst a well-stuffed sailor's pack reposed on the truck at the edge of the wharf. Leigh dusted the thick of the dirt off his hands, straightened his collar, and went aft.

"You're the new second, eh?" asked Steadman in a friendly fashion. "Just out of your time, I suppose?"

"No, sir. Passed extra. My name's Leigh."

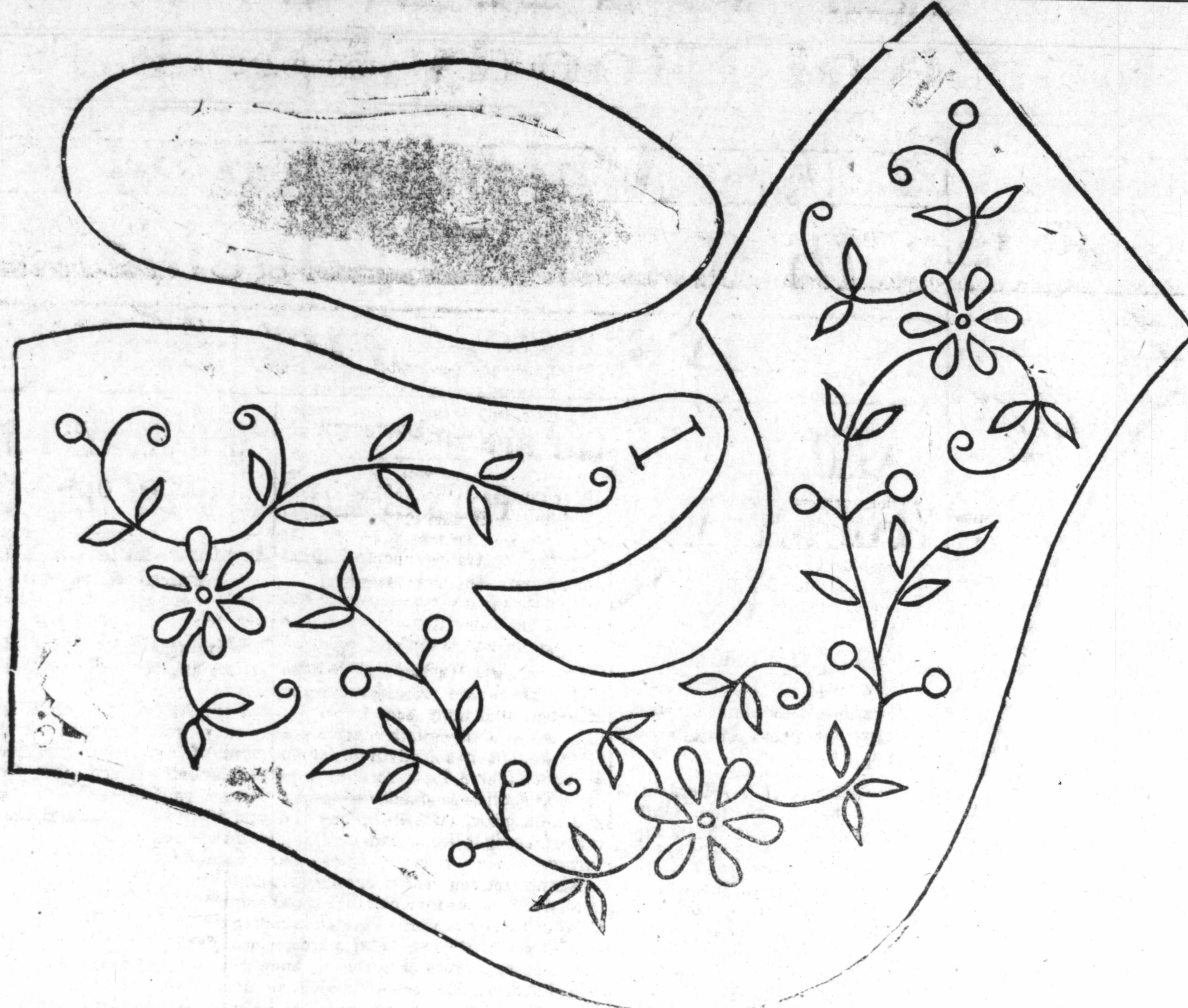
Steadman inspected him thoughtfully from head to foot and back to the head again. Then he smiled appreciatively, and held out a fist that was like a chunk of mahogany.

"You'll do," he said. "But I can't quite understand why you're going second in sail with an extra ticket. Leigh—Leigh? I seem to remember the name."

"I shouldn't be surprised if the rea-

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son's the same as the one that keeps you mate here, sir, when you might have been skipper of a liner years ago." Leigh laughed, and his strong teeth flashed white. He was a smart, tall youngster, hard as nails, with something of refinement in his face not always present in sailors' faces. Once again Steadman peered at him.

"You mean Aileen?" he asked, and Leigh nodded thoughtfully, with that same red flush through the sunburn.

"Come to think of it, you're the youngster who helped her stowaway three years and more ago. She told me—in confidence. No need to Captain Curzon, though. He mightn't mind, but then, on the other hand, he might. Yes, the girl's coming the voyage, so you needn't worry. Come down to my room and have a smoke."

"Half a minute, sir." Leigh was a keen young officer, and hours of stiffness had set his every sense aching for the comfort of tobacco, but there was a duty to be fulfilled. "There's a consignment of spirits come down just now, and there doesn't seem to be any room for it aft. We might break out the cargo and restow, but it'll be a long job. I half thought of putting it down the fore, but—then it's pretty near the sailors' quarters, and might tempt them to broach cargo. And that means the very deuce."

"We'll put it down the fore," said Steadman, after a close survey of the hatches. "No need to alter the ship's trim at this time o' day. Besides, who's to know there's spirit forrard? Not a drunken crowd of swabs who join at the last minute, anyway. Have it forrard, and see it stowed yourself—when we've had our smoke." And Mr. Steadman made the greatest mistake in his career in this apparently unimportant decision. Also, since it is an irrefutable law of Nature that all mistakes shall be paid for, this was paid for to the uttermost farthing, not only as concerned the mate, but others whose fate was closely intertwined with his. However, at the moment, no presentiment of what the future held was vouchsafed either to Steadman or Leigh. The mate brushed a streak of dust from his pilot-cloth trousers and removed his hard felt hat as the two entered his cabin under the poop.

his hand with generosity towards a whisky bottle that stood on the table. "Have a drink?"

"No thanks—feetotaller. Yes, sir, I suppose that will be the best way. Now, Mr. Steadman, you seem to know who I am, so I suppose Miss Curzon's

been talking. You're sure she's coming?"

Steadman once more eyed him gravely, and then shook his head. "Yes, she's coming, my son; but—Aileen's not like some women. She's more a sailor than the half of these

dock-rats we get in ship's forecastles to-day, and she's married to the sea.

"Understand?"

"Yes, I think so. Well, judging from what she told me about you, there are worse things than being just near to her. So I'll stop, if you've no objec-

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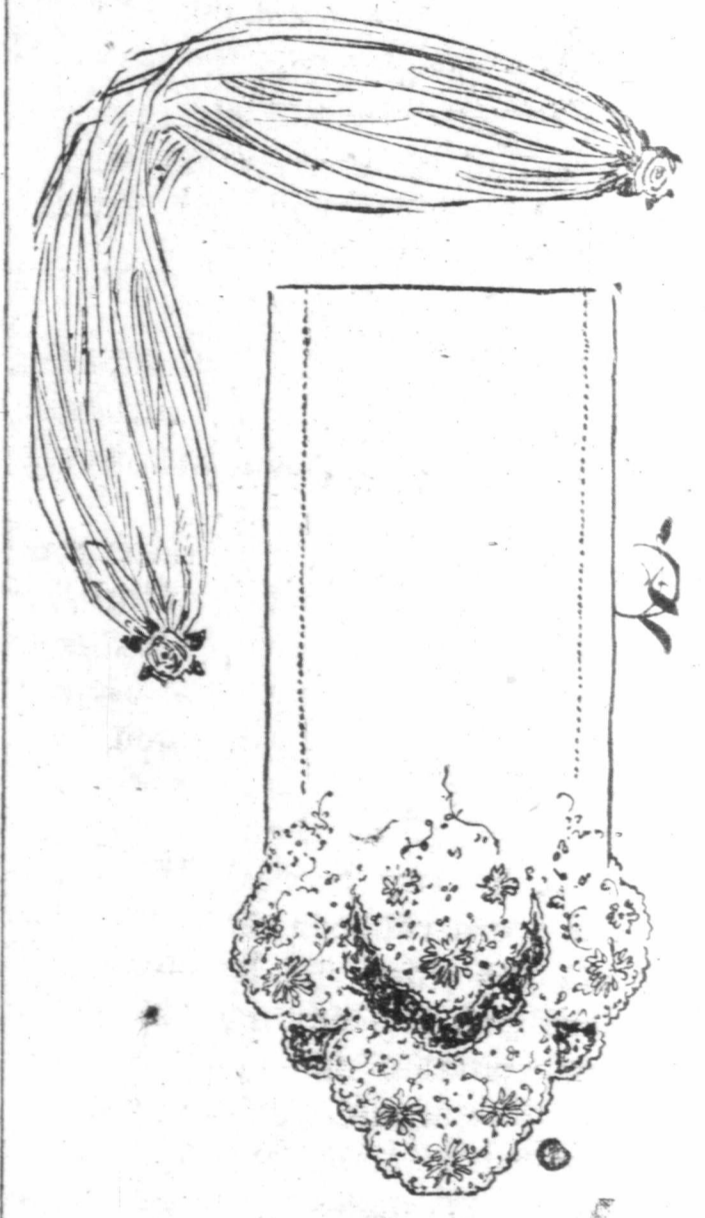
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tions."

Mr. Steadman had no objections; rather to the contrary, in fact. He seemed to have taken a sailor's quick liking for the young fellow who sat opposite him in the dingy room, and said as much.

"This isn't a bad ship for a youngster," he went on. "The old man's a gentleman. That counts for a good deal in a ship's management. While as for Aileen,—well, there's no word for her. She's as good as a fair wind in the doldrums."

Thereafter the conversation became peculiarly ship-like, dealing with prospects of passages, with details of stowage, with the general downward trend of the British mercantile marine—an everfruitful topic. But as Steadman left the main course at times to tell of how Aileen did this and did that, painting the girl's escapades with a loving touch, Leigh said in his inner heart that he had chosen wisely.

(To be continued)

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### MR. COAKER'S SPEECH ON THE ESTIMATES IN THE ASSEMBLY

Feb. 2, 1914.  
Mr. Coaker.—I am glad to hear from the Premier that the police and firemen are actually getting more than is set down in the estimates. These men work very hard, and they deserve good pay. The outport police get quite enough, and do very little work, but the city men do hard work and deserve to be well paid. They should get at least \$50 a month.

An increase has been made in the Governor's salary, and travelling expenses. I do not dispute the necessity for this, and no doubt he well deserves it. He should not have to spend his own money in keeping up his position when he comes here. But here we are giving him practically \$4,000 increase, and that shows that the figures should have been faced before.

**Long Time Ago.**  
It is a long time now since that salary was reduced. We don't object to the rise, we don't say he should not get it. But what about all the aged widows in this country who are receiving doles of from \$16 to \$25 a year? None of them ought to receive less than \$50 when they are over 60 years of age.

**No Reply Yet.**  
I have not yet had a reply to my question asked some time ago about elective Municipal Boards in the outports, and I want to know if the Government intends to continue the practice of letting defeated candidates control the affairs of our districts. If they do we will not take it easy, we will not put up with it. Besides that, it would be in the Government's interest to let us do the work, because all the responsibility and blame for everything falls upon those who have to distribute the money.

As it is now 6.30, Mr. Chairman, I will stop for the present.

The Chairman of Committees left the chair until 8 p.m.  
The Chairman of Committees resumed the chair at 8 p.m.  
Mr. Coaker.—At the time we adjourned to-day I was speaking with regard to the resolutions of the F.P.U. asking that the elected members of districts which were represented by the Opposition be given free charge of expenditures in their districts.

**Difficulties to Face.**  
I wish to emphasize what I said by reading a letter which I have received from Pinchard's Island for it shows very clearly the difficulties which have to be contended with under the present circumstances.

(Hon. member reads letter.)  
This letter supports what has been said by the hon. member for St. Barbe, Mr. Clapp, with regard to the mail carriers in that district, and it shows also how very unsatisfactory to the people of the district the present conditions are. Here is another letter, which I have received from James-town.

(Hon. member reads letter.)  
I read these letters in order to show the Government just how the situation stands among the people in the northern districts, for I think that if the resolutions with regard to elected local boards which have been laid before the Government, were accepted, we might be able to bring matters into more harmony than exists at present.

As it is now, I have all I can do to stop these men from taking the matter into their own hands for they feel very much aggrieved. It is very easy to see what their position is and it does not require any consideration to know that what they ask is fair and reasonable.

**Not Anxious For It.**  
As I have said before, I have no desire to shoulder the responsibilities of the management of the expenditures and affairs in my district. I would rather not do it, for my opponents would be able to make political capital out of it. If, however, the Government does not accede to the wishes of the people, and allows defeated candidates to control the af-

fairs of the district, I shall do all in my power to resist them.  
My position is that, while I would like to be relieved of the responsibility, I am anxious to do what I was elected to do and what my constituents wish me to do. The people of the northern districts want fair play in this matter, and I cannot see any possible reason why the Government should not accede to their request.

With reference to sub-collectors, the Rt. Hon. Prime Minister has stated that it would be impossible to know where to start if there were any reform made in the present system. Now, the first place I would advise a reform to be made is Botwood, where there is a magistrate with a salary of \$500, and one or two sub-collectors of customs officials.

**Nothing At All To Do.**  
The magistrate there has nothing at all to do and if the Union had control of public affairs we should certainly make the magistrate's office and the customs authority one office. There is nothing for the magistrate to do now but to draw his salary and have a jolly time and the people in the district are disgusted when they see an official like that with two or more Government officials when there is no work enough for one.

There is a grant for a sub-collector at Exploits amounting to \$400, but there is not five hours work in twelve months for a sub-collector at that place. The man there would not earn \$100 in five years in any other position, but not only did the Government put him there but they took the office of post master from Mr. Winsor and handed it over to the sub-collector.

One official, an operator at Exploits, could do all his work of these offices at a salary of \$400. The office of sub-collector could be done away with and this would save the colony \$500. I could say more on this matter, but I know that my hon. friend Mr. Jennings, can give the Committee much information as to the duties which the sub-collector at Exploits has to do.

**In Each Others Way.**  
At Fogo there are a lot of public officials and they have so little to do that one keeps interfering with the other. They never seem satisfied except when they are making trouble. There was a time when the magistrate and sub-collector were one official and the salary was quite sufficient for the work that was done. Nobody had any objection to make to the way in which the work was done then but for political reasons the Government put back the man who held the position as sub-collector there. Perhaps to some extent they were justified for the people had no objections and when they do not object, nobody else should interfere. However the work can be done by one man and the Government can save \$1000 at Fogo alone. I know very well that if the F.P.U. had control \$1000 would be saved there and I know that the Councils were very definite in their demands for a thorough reform of the public service at Fogo.

**Where's the Justification?**  
We next come to Gambo where the sub-collector receives \$550 as a salary. What is there to justify that expenditure? I have had communications from the people there asking that the office be given to a doctor, for a large section of the people there are entirely without any medical attendance, is there any justification for that? They thought they could raise some money if the doctor were made sub-collector and it would also mean the saving of about \$400 for the Colony. I told the people that it was a matter for the Government to take up and that it would be of no use for me to do anything unless the Government acted upon the suggestion.

I do not know who is drawing the salary but I do think that if the suggestion of the people is acted upon and the office is given to a doctor as is done in several places on the West Coast the Government will be taking a wise step.

**Wanted the Reason.**  
I notice that the salary of the sub-collector at Greenspond is going to be raised from \$300 to \$500. I should like to know the reason of this. I presume the reason is that the holder of the position is a cousin of Mr. Blandford the defeated member. He

has been there four years at a salary of \$300 and perquisites, which amount to about twenty per cent. of the imports, and I do not see why there should be an increase of \$200 given to him.  
The increase will create a great deal of dissatisfaction in the district, for the man in question is very unpopular even to the friends of the Government there will uphold them in this action. The magistrate there has not much to do and he should do the work of the sub-collector for \$100 whereas the present holder will receive \$500.

**Did Work of Three Men.**  
I was one in a public position at Port Blandford and before I went there there were three officials drawing salaries. I did the work that these three men had done and I received \$500 and \$100 for perquisites. Still I did not have to do more than fifteen minutes work a day.

I remained there eighteen months and if I had remained there longer I would have been a ruined man. It was all I could do to keep myself from falling asleep. If I did not leave the place and go to work on a farm I knew I would become useless so when an opportunity came in 1904, and a friend of mine went to Green Bay to oppose Sir Robert Bond, I left my position and went down to Green Bay and worked for him. That man for whom I then worked was the man I ousted from Bonavista last fall, Mr. Morrison.

**Not Worth the Money.**  
We come next to King's Cove where we find a sub-collector in receipt of a salary of \$230, but there is nothing there for him to do. You could give some official already there \$50 a year and he would be able to do all the work of the position.

At one time King's Cove was an important place but the sub-collector has nothing to do there now and his position could be given to the operator. I know several people who would be glad to do the work of the office for the figure that I have named.

In speaking of this office, I wish to call the attention of the Committee to the fact that there is a sub-collector at Salvage who receives only \$15 for his services, for there is very little work to be done there.  
The point I wish to make is that if the work can be done at Salvage for only \$15 there can be no reason why more than \$50 should be paid the official at King's Cove. I do not mean that a man should be sent there to do the work at that figure, but somebody there could do it.

**Paying Too Much.**  
I notice also that Moreton's Harbor has been made a port of entry but I submit that there is no need of a sub-collector at that place, for there is very little to do there. The same applies to this place as to the others I have named and a capable man could be had to do the work for \$40 or \$50 whereas you are going to pay \$300.

My hon. friend, Mr. Jennings, belongs there and I feel sure he could find a man to perform the work in a most satisfactory manner for that figure.

We next come to Tilt Cove, where there is a grant of \$400 to the sub-collector there. I have nothing to say, against the official there, Mr. Cunningham, who is a very efficient man and able to occupy any office in the public service, but he cannot possibly earn his salary there, for Tilt Cove is not what it was, and its work is a thing of the past. What the Government should do is to put Mr. Cunningham somewhere where his services can be availed of with advantage. It is a pity that such an efficient man should be wasted there.

**Not Needed.**  
In Trinity the sub-collector receives \$400, but there is no need for a sub-collector there. There is a magistrate there and he can do the work. If he is not getting enough you can add another \$50 to his salary and it will be sufficient for the work.

A few years ago the man who was sub-collector was pensioned and a man named Jenkins was appointed in his place. Jenkins was exceedingly unpopular with the people, who petitioned to have him dismissed.

The Government soon found out how matters were and they removed Jenkins to Bonne Bay and put a Mr. White at Trinity. He has so little to do

there that he spends a lot of his time writing editorial notes for "The Enterprise."  
**Keep to His Work.**  
He is not any the worse for that, but when he holds the office of sub-collector at Trinity he should confine himself to his work. If not, let him get out of the public service like I did and start a paper of his own.

The Government officials in St. John's have all they can do to live on their salaries, and I have considerable sympathy for some of these officials. But, I have often seen some of them parading Water Street at 3 and 3.30 p.m. dressed off.

There are too many of them in the Custom House. It is true that a large number are needed during a busy period. Everywhere I went I heard complaints about the wonderful number of officials in the Custom House at St. John's. We object to paying these men their salaries for walking around the streets. We want you to turn out two of every three officials. I would far rather see two doing the work of three, and getting decent salaries. You would very likely get good service.

**Easy Time Of It.**  
Many a time have I seen a public official in this House at 4 o'clock. They cannot be so very busy. I would very much like to see the Minister of Finance and Customs giving a small amount—say \$50,000 to encourage the fishermen in getting motor boats. We would be very pleased and would say that the Minister is trying to benefit the fishermen.

If the Minister is good, we may get something. We hope that, if there is nothing now, we will get something in the future. I hope that next year he will give us \$50,000 for this purpose; for we intend to have the motor boats, if we get on the other side of the House.

I would like to see an amount in the estimates put aside for this worthy object. No money could be spent in a better way. I would also like to see a grant for the upkeep of night schools. We will not wait for another 12 months before something is done in connection with this matter. If the Government takes 18 months to bring in a measure, they would just be getting into working order, when the new elections would be near. We will all help you, if you introduce this system.

**Harbor of Refuge.**  
I would like to see something in the way of a vote for the construction of a Harbor of Refuge along the Strait Shore. There are 60 miles of very desolate shore and there is no harbor near.

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Every northern man would like to see a harbor established on the Strait Shore. Railways they will never obtain. As long as we are fishermen, we must have protection on the water. We must have a Harbor of Refuge. It will do more good than all the railways that were ever built.

I hope that the wishes of the Northern people will be attended to, and that the Government will do something towards providing a Harbor of Refuge on this shore.

**Compliments to Crosbie.**  
There is just one more thing I would like to say, and that is in reply to the member for Bay de Verde.

There is nothing that I have done in my life that I would be ashamed for any man to show up here on the floors of the House. There is no excuse for his using the language that he did use. I am able to take my medicine and I am content to sit down and take what is administered to me.

and a respectable member of the Government. He should remember that the dignity of the Government is in his hands; he should remember that supporters of the Government are looking to the Government and to responsible men in the Government to do what is right in our discussions. I thought how pained the Premier must have been to hear one of his colleagues doing and saying as he acted and spoke on Wednesday night. Such a thing does not add to the prestige of the Government.

**Premier To Be Pityed**  
I say that the Premier is to be pitied for his relations with some of the men in the Government. There has been tirade after tirade thrown across the floors of the House. The people will begin to think that all the rumors are not without foundation, if the Premier can allow such proceedings to continue in the House, if he does he must count the cost.

When the Premier is called upon to punish a supporter for misconduct, he will find that this side of the House will uphold him in his action. He will be upheld in keeping his men in their places and making them understand that they are responsible to the country.

If the Premier thinks there is no necessity of chastisement for what has been taking place on that side of the House, I don't think that he is the man I thought he was.

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## PRESIDENT COAKER REPLIES TO CAPTAIN KEAN'S VAPORINGS.

Demands Explanation of Captain Kean's Behavior—Calls Upon Citizens of St. John's to Demand a Commission of Enquiry.

(Editor The Daily Mail)  
Dear Sir,—I wish to inform Capt. Kean that all his vapourings about memorial services on the Nascope or drawing lots for pork barrels eight days after he placed 130 of the Newfoundland's crew on the ice in a storm and sent 78 precious human lives to their doom after suffering in most cases tortures that no pen or brain can describe will not excuse him one iota for the part he played in the Newfoundland disaster.

One thing is certain there was no memorial service on board of Kean's ship, nor was the Word of God or Praise to God or Prayer to God heard on Kean's ship since he began to worship gold.

**Nascope Only Ship**  
There was a time when Kean professed to serve God and he was a leader in his Church but he fell from his high estate in order to work seals and steam on Sunday. The Nascope was the only ship in the fleet this year that observed God's Holy Day.

This fallen sinner does not even hesitate to spurn the 270 men who humbly bowed before God the night of Monday the 8th on board of the Nascope and respected the memory of the 77 dead heroes whose lives were sacrificed because Abraham Kean blundered.

As for the drawing of tickets for barrels it was the custom on the ship to draw tickets for all the barrels and as each barrel was emptied the crew drew for it. The fact that they were drawn for on the 7th shows that from the time the terrible news reached the Nascope until the 7th no barrels had been drawn for and it was only upon the demand of the men that the drawing took place on the 7th, as many of them asked for the barrels as they had a large quantity of seal laying around which was spoiling.

**Misfits and Flaws**  
If Capt. Kean managed his crew as Captain George Barbour managed the Nascope's crew the past spring he would not be so bitterly despised by the sealers as he is to-day. Of course educated men compute Capt. Kean's vain conceit and his sad letter misfits and flaws to his ignor-

ance, but the common sealer cannot see them in that light, therefore a very bitter hatred has sprung up against Captain Kean, of which he knows but little, for no one who would inform him would be listened to but himself and he takes good care always to quickly swallow the Coaker medicine. Yet the one quarter I have not told him for I am too busy a man to give all he deserves.

Now the public don't want to know about memorial services or drawing tickets for barrels, or when or how Capt. Kean first took offence against me, or what a hypocrite Coaker is or what a Judas I am, or about Joe Beer's history or Flap Jack's jokes, or what a busy body Coaker is, but they do want to know why Kean placed 120 men on the ice in a storm when, as Capt. Green says, one hour and a half previous to placing them on the ice any man who knew his glass would know that a storm was impending.

**Kean and Tuff**  
They want to know why Capt. Kean stated to Tuff when the storm had actually broken that there would be no weather as the glass did not show for it.

Now Capt. Green shows that the glass did show for it and every man who has ever used a glass to any extent knows that when the glass went so very high on Monday the 30th of March that it was caused by a vacuum that meant a storm from a southerly direction and when the glass fell gradually (which it did) it should have been a sure guide to a practical master who wanted to see it, that something unusual was in the air.

Let Capt. Kean explain why he did not start out to seek the 120 men he placed on the ice about an hour before the storm raged or as soon as he had recovered his men from the Florizel which he states was about 3 p.m., and why he continued picking up panned seals until dark instead of seeking the men he knew were on the ice and overtaken by the blizzard, and why he burnt down at 8 p.m. without making sure of the whereabouts of the 120 men he

sent to pan seals at 1 p.m. when the snow storm was on.

**Let Him Explain**  
Let him explain why he did not Marconi the other ships that evening asking them to keep an eye for missing men and explain what he did with the Newfoundland's crew.

These are the questions the public are asking and discussing and they must be answered.

It is not nigger stories they want from Capt. Kean but some explanation that will save them from stigmatizing Capt. Kean as the most cowardly, inhuman, unfeeling, inconsiderate, conceited, regardless and brazen-faced master that ever the Country produced.

Not a word can be squeezed out of him but frivolous nonsense, childish yarns, concocted puppyism, and personal venom that has stirred up the people against him to such an extent that the mention of his name causes a shiver to pass over them as if they were face to face with a thing of darkness.

**Demands Enquiry**  
Again I demand a Commission of Enquiry and unless a favorable reply is received shortly from the Acting Premier I will ask the public who are in favor of demanding a Commission of Enquiry to meet together at a Public Meeting and formulate their demands.

There will be no let up until this Enquiry is granted.

I invite all reasonable citizens of St. John's to insist upon compelling the Government to take such action that will result in proposals being made that will save our Toffers from another such catastrophe as the Country has now witnessed not only in the Newfoundland disaster but also that of the Southern Cross.

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Morris wanted more money, and as some of those poor hard-working men want more of Morris's rule, they will have it, but they will pay dearly for it.

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JULIAN HAWTHORNE says that the penal system of the United States is all wrong.

"When I was in the penitentiary down South," says Mr. Hawthorne, "I became acquainted with men serving long terms who had no business at all to be in prison. "When I came out and left them behind, it made me unhappy, for they were no more guilty of any serious crime against society than I was. "The prison is a relic of the dark ages—and so is the whole prison idea. That belongs back in the time when men considered revenge a noble sentiment; a prison ought to be there to reform men, not to punish them. What it really does as it is carried out today is to punish men and not reform them. What good does that do? How much further do we get along the road of civilization by clinging to that barbaric and antiquated point of view?"

Every time I go to a prison I think the same thing. But what are we going to do about it? When a man makes his living by picking pockets, what ought we to do with him? A man got into my house the other night and scared us almost to death. He didn't get much money, because there wasn't much in the house, but what there was he got.

**One Criminal's Viewpoint.**

I've seen a good many burglars and thieves of various sorts—both in and out of prison—and I never yet could find myself quite in sympathy with their point of view.

I knew a thief once who told me all about it. He was a murderer, too. That didn't bother him in the least. "I wanted the dough," said my friend, the thief, "and I just walked into the bank at the noon hour when I knew everybody would be gone and held up the cashier. The fool guy hung on to the money and so I shot him. "He'd ought to be dead, a gink like that—it wasn't even his own money that he hung on to."

My friend, the thief, never once had even the vague shadow of a thought that the cashier ought to be honored for his courage and his fidelity to his trust.

My friend, the thief, was quite a good-looking chap, with very clear blue eyes and a fine rosy skin. And the ladies sent him flowers and said that he ought not to be hanged because he was "abnormal," or "subnormal," or something equally interesting.

But I happened to know the bank cashier, too, and his sweet mother, and the dear girl he expected to marry, and every time one of the ladies who thought my friend, the thief, ought not to be punished for murder because he was "abnormal" came to me with a petition to sign I kept thinking of the bank cashier's mother and how she looked when they told her that her only son was murdered.

**Are Prisons Antiquated?**

I never signed one of the petitions; I couldn't somehow. The face of the cashier's mother always came between me and the point of the pen. And when my friend, the thief, was hanged, somehow I couldn't quite go into mourning over him.

Lots of people who are not in prison—yet—look at things the same way. I know a man who will break up a family and crush every individual in it to get some little thing that he happens to want.

He's quite religious, is this particular man, and it is very edifying to hear him talk about fate and "what is mine shall come to me."

That man isn't in prison—yet. He will be, if he lives long enough. He belongs in a striped suit behind the bars just because of his criminal point of view.

And I'm afraid I shan't send him many wreaths of violets and lilies-of-the-valley when he finally does get into his cell. So the prisons are barbarous and antiquated, are they, Mr. Hawthorne, and the prison idea ought to go? I suppose it ought, but what are you going to have in the place of it? What are you going to do with the thieves and the tricksters and the murderers? It would be so interesting and so edifying and so encouraging to know.

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