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Balfour Gets After Churchill In Plain Strightforward Talk

Says Churchill's Speech Was Unfortunate and Was Calculated to Arouse Doubts About the Fleet—Scores the Colonel on His Apology to Fisher—Says Navy To-day is More Powerful Than When Churchill Left Office—Balfour Told Churchill His Suggestion to Recall Fisher was a Paradox of the Wildest and Most Extravagant Kind

LONDON, Mar. 8.—Speaking in the Commons to-day on the Navy estimates, Mr. Balfour said that the speech made yesterday by Col. Churchill, his predecessor in office, was unfortunate in form and substance; it was calculated, he said, to arouse doubts and misgivings about the Fleet, and the energy of the present Admiralty Board in dealing with national necessities. Balfour denied that there had been any breach of continuity between the present board and its predecessor. Regarding shortage of labor, he said, the Government was doing all possible to alleviate it, if not to completely remedy it.

Referring to Churchill's explanation, his mind had become clearer since he had been in the trenches, Balfour said. The Colonel must have inherited the qualities of the great Duke of Marlborough, who was never cooler or more collected than when in action. He said he considered Churchill's apology to Lord Fisher as little short of an insult to Sir Henry Jackson, Lord Fisher's successor as First Sea Lord.

In bitter tones, Balfour complained that it was under the Churchill regime that skilled shipwrights were permitted to join the Army. He asserted that delay in completing dreadnoughts was due to the fact that Churchill used guns and gun mountings, designed for capital ships, to complete the equipment of monitors. He said he was not pessimistic about the strength of the Fleet. It was more powerful than when Churchill left office, and was being increased in strength constantly.

When Balfour said the guns for the monitors had been designed for the capital ships, Sir Arthur Basil Markham (Liberal) interjected: "Those monitor guns came from America." "There was more than one lot of guns," retorted Balfour.

Continuing, the First Lord said, monitors had proved of the greatest value, but that all the monitors of the world would add little to the strength of the Grand Fleet; they could not work with the Grand Fleet; they were not intended to work with

it. He did not assert that it was wrong to build these vessels which had done very good service in the Dardanelles and on the coast of Belgium. They might do good service again, but it was not right for those who had deliberately, perhaps rightly weakened the Grand Fleet to create those monitors, should turn around and say you are neglecting the Grand Fleet.

A contest between two persons who have occupied the same place in the cabinet, in Balfour's opinion, was neither decorous nor profitable, and to suggest alarms and fears was an act contrary to the public interest. Some monitors had been constructed so hastily, he continued, that even now it has been found impossible to use them, it being necessary to remodel them. Balfour urged his hearers to dismiss empty fears. He said, every kind of ship, regarded as of value in modern war, had been increased largely since the war began.

Churchill's suggestion to recall Lord Fisher to office, he continued, had been listened to with profound stupefaction. He characterized Churchill's suggestion as a paradox of the wildest and most extravagant kind, and proceeded to pay a warm tribute to Sir Henry Jackson. He said he should regard himself as contemptible, beyond the power of expression, if he yielded to the demand to the supersession of Sir Henry by Lord Fisher, made in such a manner by Churchill.

Immediately Mr. Balfour concluded his speech, Churchill arose. He said his disquietude was due to doubts as to whether the destroyer and battleship programme was being executed, according to revised plans, and that on this point Balfour had given no assurance.

WILL LET HIM GO

LONDON, Mar. 8.—Unless the German ships seized by Portugal are released, Portugal's Minister to Germany will receive his passports on Saturday at noon, says a despatch, which gives a report from Frankfurt as a basis for the statement.

The "Munich Nachrichten," the despatch adds, says that no ultimatum has yet been presented to Portugal.

STOCK DIVIDENDS

MONTREAL, Mar. 8.—The Herald announces this afternoon that the Nova Scotia Steel and Iron Co. will pay all common stock dividends deferred, six in number, since dividend payments were suspended in June, 1914.

Were Driven Out To Be Massacred By Kurd Bands

Russians Find Few Armenians Left When They Entered the City—The Turks Sent Them to Certain Death

LONDON, March 9.—The Russians found only 16 Armenians alive in Erzerum out of usual Armenian population of 40,000, according to information received at Petrograd and forwarded by a Reuter's correspondent to the Russian capital.

The Turkish inhabitants of Erzerum, the correspondent adds, stated that a few days before the capture of the fortress by the Russians all Armenians in the town were driven out by the police in a westerly direction, where the Kurds, who had been forewarned, massacred all of them.

Not Liable For Military Service

Irish Mechanics Who Cross Channel to Work in Munition Factories in England and Scotland Will Be Exempt From Military Service

LONDON, March 9.—That many Irish mechanics are afraid that if they cross the Channel they will place themselves within the scope of the Military Service Act, is the reason given by the Trade Union officials for the failure of their efforts to obtain skilled labor from Ireland for factories in England and Scotland, where it is urgently needed.

In order to overcome this objection one of the Trades Unions obtained legal opinion that Irishmen employed temporarily on jobs in England would not be liable for military service.

Getting After King Alcohol

Bradford, Eng., March 9.—National Free Churches Council to-day passed a resolution calling upon the Government to adopt a thorough going policy on temperance questions and to take more effective measures to prevent the squandering of the nation's resources in drink.

RUSSIANS STILL PRESS TURKS CLOSELY

Petrograd, March 9.—On the Caucasian front in the coastal district our troops continue to press the Turks closely. We captured the town of Riza on the seventh. On the Persian front, we occupied the town of Senneh, fifty versts northward of Kermanshab.

TRENCHES RECAPTURED BY THE FRENCH

PARIS, Mar. 8.—In Champagne the French have recaptured portions of the trenches lost on March 6th, according to a semi-official announcement made here to-day. The situation north of Verdun is unchanged. No infantry attacks were made last night, but artillery fighting continues.

QUITE RIGHT

SYDNEY, N.S.W., Mar. 8.—The Cabinet has decided to disenfranchise all German-born electors for the duration of the war, following the arrest and internment of several hundred aliens, who are considered to be of hostile disposition.

CHURCHILL ASSAILED BY PRESS

London Morning Papers Have Some Sharp Raps at Winston—All Agree Present no Time For Opening up Old Wounds

LONDON, Mar. 8.—Churchill's speech in the Commons yesterday, is the subject of many columns of comment in the London morning papers. His speech aroused many divergent views, and opens up old wounds. The attitude of most of the editors is that of outspoken disapproval.

The Times says: "The episode will be remembered more for Colonel Churchill's warning on the score of naval material, than for his recommendation for the return of Lord Fisher. We regret that Lord Fisher's name should have been raised in a manner which is bound to provoke personal controversy. This is no time for allowing personal likes and dislikes to sway in the choice of men."

The Daily News says: "We are not sure that Lord Fisher has not reason to wish to be saved from his friends. We do not like to see his claims associated with a shadowy criticism of the Admiralty and an attack on the Government."

The Standard says: "It is doubtful whether the interests of the navy are best served by the advocacy of an appointment in so public and dramatic

Violent Fighting Is In Progress from North East Of Verdun to the Meuse

Berlin Claims Some German Gains Around Verdun—Few Villages Have Fallen into the Hands of the Germans—Spirited Artillery Duels on Remainder of Front—French Continue to Shell German Positions on Forest of Argonne

LONDON, March 9.—Fighting of great violence between the French and German infantry has been in progress from Bethancourt, north-west of Verdun to the Meuse, and east of the Meuse from the southern slopes of Cote de Talou, in the Douaumont region, the battle fronts aggregating about ten miles in length. Spirited artillery duels continue along the remainder of the front. About Verdun a continuation of the German drive north-west of Verdun is declared by Berlin to have netted the Germans some French positions over a front of nearly four miles and virtually two miles in depth, which enabled them to capture 58 officers and 3,277 men. The Villages of Forges, Regneville Heiglts, Raben and Cumieres Woods fell into the hands of the Germans. The French did not give up these positions without a strong resistance and suffered heavy losses, especially along the southern fringe of Cumieres Wood, which was occupied recently by the Germans. The French launched a heavy counter attack and drove the Germans out from the greater part of their positions east of the Meuse. The Germans have recaptured Hardaumont Redoubt, over which there has been such heavy fighting and in their line straightening manoeuvre have made progress over a front of about five miles along the southern slope of Cote de Talou, Cote du Poivre, and in the Douaumont region, in the Woivre district, south-east of Verdun, the Germans have forced the French to loosen their hold on the outlying positions they held near the village of Fresnes. Here the Germans assert they captured 700 prisoners. In the Meuse hills the French artillery is counter-shelling the German trenches captured by the French in Upper Alsace. Destructive bombardments of German positions at several points north of the Aisne, and shelling in the forest of Argonne are told in a French official communication. Sixteen French aeroplanes have dropped a large number of shells on Metz Sablon station.

No Misuse Now Of American Passports

Regulations Put in Force by the United States Have Been so Effective as to Stop all Fraudulent Use of Passports

LONDON, March 9.—The stringent regulations put into effect by the American Government to prevent the issue of fraudulent passports has been so effective that the use of American passports by spies in England has practically ceased. At the present moment not a single person is held in England for espionage possesses any American passport.

Not only has it become extremely difficult for an American with legitimate business to secure a passport, but such close tract is kept of those already issued that spies are unlikely to take the risk of attempting to enter England with forged American passports.

The Morning Post says: "It will need more than vindictive insinuations of Churchill to disturb the nation's faith in the Navy. Col. Churchill, who is mainly responsible for the disastrous Dardanelles expedition, has amazing effrontery to return to the House of Commons, and offer gratuitous advice to the Admiralty."

French Fire Forces German Troops to Give In and Retire

GOING AT FULL SPEED

LONDON, Mar. 8.—The German fleet consisting of at least fifty big warships, followed by a large grey-painted armed trawler fleet, two big Zeppelins and numerous submarines, was sighted on Monday afternoon in the North Sea, off Terschelling Island, north of Holland, according to a report of a steam trawler which arrived at Ymuiden, says Reuter's correspondent. The fleet was proceeding westward, the correspondent adds. On Monday morning five large cruisers of unknown nationality passed Ymuiden at full speed.

The German fleet returned to its base this morning, says Reuter's Ymuiden correspondent, telegraphing on Wednesday. A Dutch trawler which was searched by one of the warships, the correspondent adds, reports that many vessels had a peculiar appearance. These carrying several funnels had a sternmast, funnels were painted yellow or covered with yellow cloth, while other funnels were grey.

FISHER ATTENDS MILITARY WAR COUNCIL

LONDON, Mar. 8.—For the first time since he left the Admiralty, Lord Fisher to-day attended a full meeting of the War Council, presided over by Premier Asquith. It is understood that Lord Fisher was invited to join the war council temporarily, to give his advice on important matters in regard to which his experience would be useful. It is not believed to be likely that he will return to the Admiralty as a permanent member.

Russian Ships Active in the Black Sea

Turkish Coast Defenses Are Crumbling up Before Russian Bombardment—Rumors of Turks Anxious For Peace Are Again Current

Petrograd, March 9.—The activity of Russian torpedo boats in the Black Sea against the coast towns East of Trebizond is continuing with success. According to recent despatches from Sebastopol, the Turkish coast defenses are crumbling up before the intensity of the Russian bombardment. There is apparently a growing disposition on the part of the Turks along the Anatolian shore to surrender without fighting. In many cases, according to reports received here, the Turkish population have sent out emissaries in boats to the Russian fleet offering submission to the Russians.

The Russian cruisers continue to bombard Trebizond. Rumors of Turkey's willingness to enter into peace negotiations with Russia are increasingly current here, but there is no official confirmation that Turkey had up to the present made any actual overtures to the Russian Government.

P. AND O. LINER AFIRE; BEACHED AND PASSENGERS SAFE

LONDON, March 8.—A Lloyd's despatch from Malta says that the Peninsular and Oriental steamship "Nelore" with fire aboard, was beached, and that the fire has been extinguished, and that the passengers and mails have been removed.

Wave After Wave of Densely Packed Masses Dashed Forward But Could Not Stand The Terrific Fire of the French—The Result of Yesterday's Operations Have Caused Firm Confidence in Paris—French Succeed in Extending Their Line—Win Back Corbeaux Wood Which They Lost Day Previous

PARIS, March 8.—As a result of yesterday's operations the French line west of the Meuse, in the Verdun battle, now runs from Bethancourt by Corbeaux Wood and the northern part of Cumiers to the upper end of Cote de Loie, and is thus in advance of the first line of resistance constituted by positions running from Mort Homme Hill to the south of Cumiers. This is considered as of considerable importance in the French position in that section. The faith of the public in the solidity of the line west of the Meuse is regarded as justified by the results of the first day's serious attacks. The whole front yesterday was copiously shelled by the German heavy artillery, but the German infantry attacks on positions at Bethancourt on the left of the more westerly of the two plateaux between which the French line runs, completely failed. Wave after wave of densely packed masses dashed forward, but the Frenchmen, having emerged from shelter as soon as the preliminary bombardment had ceased, directed such an effective fire from carefully placed machine guns, accompanied by fire from rifles and 75-millimetre guns, that after struggling boldly again and again, the assailants finally gave up and retired. Encouraged by their successful resistance, the Frenchmen won back Corbeaux Wood, which they had lost the day before. It was considered that the honors of the day rested with the French. But the situation remained undecided.

Five Injured Are Now Dead

LONDON, March 9.—The War Office announces that five persons who were previously reported as having been injured in recent air raid have died. The total number of casualties in all areas attacked by aeroplanes are: Killed, 9 men, 4 women and 5 children; injured, 22 men, 22 women and 8 children.

TURKS ABOLISH IMPORT DUTY ON NECESSARY ARTICLES

AMSTERDAM, March 7 (via London).—Constantinople advices state that the Chamber of Deputies has adopted a Bill abolishing for the duration of the war import duties on petroleum, sugar, coffee, rice, linens, watches, drugs and other such articles as the Government may later regard as necessary.

The Turkish Chamber has also adopted a bill extending to fifty years the age limit for military service.

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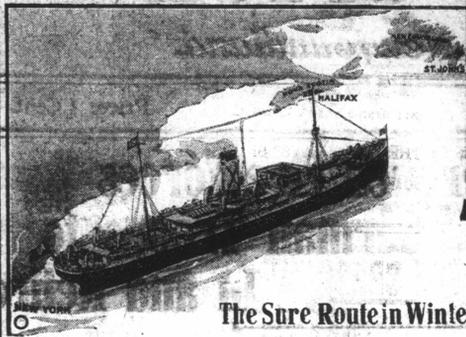
WASHINGTON, Mar. 8.—British Admiralty orders announced in State Department despatches from Consul General Skinner in London, exclude all vessels except those calling for examination, or belonging to the Allied Powers, from entering any port or harbour, or anchoring off any part of the Shetland Islands, until further notice.

ORDER OF MERIT FOR MOEWES' COMMANDER

LONDON, Mar. 8.—Emperor William has received the Commander of the German commerce raider Moeve, and personally presented with the Order of Merit, according to a Reuter despatch from Amsterdam.

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WHOLESALE STARVATION WOULD CONFRONT THE BELGIAN PEOPLE

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CLOTHING PROBLEM IS ALSO SERIOUS Must be Provided at Regular Rate To Avoid Suffering

LONDON, March 3.—"There would be wholesale starvation within three or four weeks if the importation of food into Belgium were stopped.

"In northern France the percentage of indigent people is even greater than that in Belgium, because there are virtually no native supplies.

"The clothing situation in Belgium and northern France demands very serious consideration. Unless the work of providing clothing is kept up at a regular rate, there will be very serious suffering in the fall."

The foregoing conclusions are those of Frederick C. Wolcott, who spent three weeks in Belgium and northern France investigating for the Rockefeller Foundation the work of the relief commission of which Herbert Schoover is the head.

Mr. Wolcott, in his report, says he is greatly impressed by the efficiency of the relief work and he recommends that money intended for Belgium or France be entrusted to the commission. Mr. Wolcott said to those present: "If any who cavil at the sending of relief supplies into Belgium could only visit Belgium and see personally the plight of the suffering people they would come back as eager for the continuance of the work as I am."

One Meal Daily. Of the 7,000,000 inhabitants in Belgium, Mr. Wolcott said, 3,000,000 are virtually destitute, and drawing daily one meal consisting of the

equivalent of three thick slices of bread and a pint of soup. He added: "Depots for the distribution are only large enough to accommodate between thirty and fifty people, so a long queue of hungry extends into the street for a block or more. Most of those who wait are so poor that they have no protection in the shape of umbrella or a thick coat against the discomfort of stormy days. I have seen thousands of people lined up in snow or rain, soaked and chilled, waiting for bread and soup. I have returned to the distributing station at the end of the day and have found men, women and children sometimes still standing in line, but later compelled to go back to their pitiful homes cold, wet and miserable. It was not until eighteen weary hours afterwards that they got the meal they missed."

Mr. Wolcott said the percentage of indigent was greater in northern France than in Belgium, because of the lack of native supplies. The most destitute in France and Belgium, he said, were reduced to one suit of clothes. The commission in accordance with its policy is anticipating the wants of the population and purchasing clothing by the bolt and having it made up by the natives for fall wear. The children of northern France have suffered badly for the want of clothing and particularly of shoes. The report concludes:

"I have reported to the Rockefeller Foundation that I am much impressed by the efficiency of the commission for relief; that whatever was given for relief in Belgium should be given to this organization without any restrictions. If relief on a large scale is undertaken for other destitute countries, like Poland and Serbia that relief should be undertaken by or through this commission."

Roumania Conserves Her Wheat Supply

Dealers Fail to Offer Sufficient to Fill Contract With British

HUNS ARE CONTENTERS

Offer as Good Terms and Attach no Conditions to Purchases

BUCHAREST, Feb. 19 (by courier to Berlin, Feb. 26, via London, Feb. 28).—Grain dealers and producers having failed to offer wheat in sufficient quantities to fill the contract of 80,000 cars made between the British purchase bureau and the Roumanian export commission, the contract under which the sales were made has been radically modified.

Grain sellers under the old contract received 32 let (approximately \$6.40) per hundred kilograms, the same price paid by the Germans and quoted to store and insure the British purchases at their own expense until six months after the war.

The sellers figured their expenses would be six let per hundred kilograms, while the German and Austrian purchases were to be delivered immediately without expense.

Are Able to Ship. Grain experts here say that while these conditions may resuscitate interest in the British wheat purchases it is not likely that the full 80,000 carloads will be obtained, because the Germans and Austrians offer as good terms and furthermore attach no conditions, being able to ship all purchases within a few days.

It was announced yesterday that a bill had been laid before the Chamber of Deputies and admitted under the urgency clause whereby the Government pledges an export ban on all wheat shipments outside of 100,000 carloads sold to Germans and Austrians and 80,000 carloads sold to the British.

From Financial Sources. Further opposition to the British buyers comes from financial sources. Three million pounds sterling of the total purchase price of about 10,000,000 pounds sterling, secured only by the 3,000,000 pounds in London.

Critics of the contract say the transaction is unsound because Great Britain, if it desired to, put pressure on Roumania, could withhold the gold deposited in London, thus leaving the Roumanian paper without basis which would seriously affect the country's financial standing.

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Belligerent Londoners Broke up a Meeting of Peace Advocates

NEW YORK, Mar. 2.—A news agency despatch from London yesterday says: A Quakers' peace meeting in Bishop's Gate was broken up to-day by the invasion of several belligerent Londoners, one of whom had lost two sons at the front. "I'll fight any Quaker or slacker in the hall," volunteered one stalwart, mounting the platform. The offer was not accepted, and the peace advocates filed out.

Buys War Materials From U. S.

Spanish Transport Almirante Lobo Will Convey Them to Their Destination

MADRID, via Paris, Mar. 3.—A Spanish commission which has been appointed for the purpose of accepting delivery from United States manufacturers of the war material purchased by Spain will leave Feb. 29 for New York on board the steamship Manuel Calvo. The Spanish transport Almirante Lobo will convey the water material from the United States to Spain.

TWELVE PERSONS KILLED IN AIR RAID SUNDAY

LONDON, Mar. 6.—Twelve persons were killed in the air raid over England last night, and three Zeppelins took part in the attack. This information was given out officially to-day.

The statement follows: "The number of Zeppelins which took part in last night's raid is now believed to have been three. After crossing the coast the airships took various courses, and from the devious nature of their flight apparently were uncertain as to their bearings. The area visited included Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Rutland, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, Essex and Kent.

As far as is known about 40 bombs were dropped altogether. The casualties, so far as ascertained, amount to killed, 3 men, 4 women and 5 children, and injured 33.

The material damage was two terrace houses practically destroyed, one office, one public house, cafe and several shops partly destroyed, and a block of almshouses badly damaged.

HANDS-OFF REFEREE.

Harry James Anderson was fined \$5 and costs in default this morning by Recorder McMahon of Westminster for causing a disturbance and interfering with the referee at last Saturday night's hockey game at the Arena.—Montreal Paper.

Of course the Montreal referee gives unbiased decisions and it is right that he should be protected. Judging from recent actions of referees in St. John's, either a disinterested umpire must be imported, or the game abandoned.

THE ZEPPELIN "KNIGHTS"

New York Times.

The student of military history, the lover of heroic empires, will dwell with fondness on these characteristic Zeppelinites. There is a touching rivalry between the submarines and the Zeppelins as to whether from under water or from the air women and children can be killed in the greater number and with the most neatness and dispatch. Where, even in the chronicles of the Knights of the Table Round, can there be found a nobler picture of knightly deeds than the tale of the Zeppelins? And remember that this warfare is effectual. By killing women, girls and baby boys the Germans reduce the future French population and French army.

MONTENEGRIN KING UNDER SURVEILLANCE

BERLIN, Feb. 27.—According to the "Russian newspaper" Birsheviya Wyedomosti, says the Overseas News Agency, "the diplomatists of the Entente powers have concluded an investigation into the request for peace made by King Nicholas, of Montenegro, to Austria-Hungary.

"The Entente has decided that King Nicholas must reside at a place far removed from Montenegro until the end of the war; also that he must abstain from all political activity and expression of political opinion and give up all attempts to communicate with Prince Mirko, or other Montenegrin personalities."

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German Sympathizers in New York Again Assume Threatening Attitude

WOULD TORPEDO LINER ESPAGNE

Matter Brought to Attention of British Ambassador in Washington

NEW YORK, Mar. 1.—American citizens who have booked passage on the French liner Espagne, scheduled to sail from New York for Bordeaux, France, Thursday, February 24, have received anonymous letters calling attention to the proposed new submarine policy announced by Germany and warning them not to embark, according to information received by officers of the British Consulate here to-day. Mrs. F. Banker Hilton of this city, who plans to sail on the Espagne, declared to-night that she had received a letter, typewritten in black ink on yellow paper, which read: "Madam—It is understood that you intend to sail within the next few days upon the steamship Espagne for Bordeaux, France. You are doubtless fully aware of the intended submarine policy which is to come into effect any day, and which will be carried out rigorously, irrespective of the nationality of persons upon the vessel attacked. Therefore, assuming that you are aware of the unusual and unnecessary danger that you are subjecting yourself to, you are requested to receive this warning as definite and unquestionably necessary, and which you are requested not to question, but to accept for the safety of yourself and that of your family."

The envelope containing the letter, as postmarked February 17, 6.30 p.m. Mrs. Hilton turned over the missive to the British authorities here, who later sent it by special delivery and registered mail to the British Ambassador, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, in Washington. At the British Consulate to-night it was said that similar letters to others who had booked passage on the Espagne had been forwarded to the Consulate.

Sailing from here on Thursday, the Espagne, which is a slow boat, would ordinarily reach Bordeaux about March 4 or 5.

Canada Sends A Forestering Battalion to the Old Country

OTTAWA, March 2.—A Canadian forestering battalion has been asked for by the War Office, and steps have been immediately taken by Major-General Sir Sam Hughes to form it. It will be in command of Lt.-Col. Alexander McDougall, of Ottawa, the well-known railway contractor. The majors of the battalion will probably be Gerald White, M.P., for North Renfrew, and B. R. Hepburn, M.P., for Prince Edward. Canadian woodsmen are wanted at once in Great Britain for timbering operations in connection with war requirements. Lumber is now at an almost prohibitive price in the motherland and ocean rates on lumber from this side are so high as practically to stop export from here. In Great Britain there are still large resources of standing timber which can be cut down and utilized for building operations, trench construction work, etc. The men from Canada know the business and will get to work within a month or so on the job.

It is planned to raise companies of experienced woodsmen from British Columbia, from Alberta and Northern Saskatchewan, from the Ottawa Valley, and from Quebec and New Brunswick. A number of prominent lumbermen and contractors have agreed to co-operate in the recruiting of the new battalion. These modern couriers de bois will form one of the most picturesque and at the same time most serviceable of the Canadian battalions for overseas service.

ITS SEVERAL BLEMISHES

"No," said the editor, "we cannot use your poem."
"Why" asked the poet, "is it too long?"
"Yes," hissed the editor, "it's too long, too wide and too thick."

PLAIN WAGES

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Details Are Given Of Last Year's Loan

Statement of Expenses in Placing of \$45,000,000 Bonds in New York

MADE UP OF TWO ISSUES

Commission Paid J. P. Morgan and Company and Associates

OTTAWA, Feb. 29.—A statement of expenses in connection with the loan of \$45,000,000 placed in New York by Sir Thomas White last Summer was presented to the House to-day by the Minister of Finance, in response to a motion by Mr. A. K. McLean, of Halifax.

No prospectus was issued for this loan. The amount was made up of an issue of one-year notes amounting to \$25,000,000, at par, and an issue of two-year notes amounting to \$20,000,000 at 9 1/2%, the net yield, without expenses, being \$44,900,000. The commission paid to J. P. Morgan and Company and associates was \$337,500, less \$5,250 interest for one day, before the money was paid over. Other expenses to date in connection with the loan amount to \$47,654.77. As holders of the bonds issued are to be permitted to exchange for twenty-year bonds, the effective rates of interest, it is stated, cannot be given until the expiration of the period during which the bonds may be exchanged. The statement includes a copy of the prospectus of the domestic loan, together with a table of allotments.

The total number of subscribers was 24,862. Subscriptions for \$100 bonds amounted to \$4,099,500; those of \$500 bonds to \$8,699,500; those of \$1,000 bonds to \$58,876,000, and those of \$5,000 or over to \$28,325,000. A statement of expenses in connection with this loan cannot be given, according to the return, until after the last instalment is due.

Signal Honor for Premier Borden

Life Member of New York Lawyers' Club—Sir Robert First Honored Outside of States

OTTAWA, Feb. 29.—Sir Robert Borden is to be made an honorary life member of the Lawyers Club, of New York. It is the first time this institution, the leading of its kind in the United States, has conferred such an honor on any one outside of the country. There are only two honorary members now, ex-President Taft and Senator Root, and the distinction conferred on the Canadian premier is thus the more significant.

Sir Robert Borden was waited on this morning by a delegation composed of William A. Butler, president of the club; John A. Stewart, Perley Morse and Robert C. Morris. He was tendered the honorary membership and accepted it. At a date to be arranged later, the premier will be the guest of honor at a club banquet in New York, where he will be formally initiated. It is proposed to invite a number of prominent Canadians to accompany the premier on that occasion.

"We think the present is a time when people speaking the same tongue and having the same ideals should stand together," said John A. Stewart, one of the delegation. "When the proposal of making Sir Robert Borden a life member came up before the board of governors, there was not a dissenting voice, even though it is the first time the door has been opened to anyone outside of the United States. The relations between the two countries are most cordial, and I have long favored a closer association between Canadian and United States clubs and organizations."

House to Discuss Prohibition Issue

Mr. Stevens' Resolution, Endorsed By Temperance Leaders, the Question

BE NON-PARTY DEBATE

No Authoritative Statement Made of the Government's Attitude

OTTAWA, Feb. 29.—Monday next has been fixed for the discussion of Mr. Harry Stevens' resolution calling for federal prohibition as a war measure. This is the resolution which was endorsed by the committee appointed after the meeting of temperance delegates here, some weeks ago. The moving of the resolution by Mr. Stevens will provide an opportunity for a full discussion of the whole question and it is the intention of the Government that the discussion shall be as wide as possible.

The delegation of temperance organizations and others, who waited upon the Government some time ago, were given the promise that an opportunity would be provided for a frank discussion of the question in the House of Commons. Sir Robert Borden asked the delegation for certain information as to the steps already taken in the direction of prohibition in the provinces, and for the views of the delegates as to the results which a full exercise of the provincial power would produce. It is expected that this material will support the view that the question should be left to the provinces, more especially as the local Governments have the necessary machinery for enforcing their laws.

No authoritative statement of the Government's attitude, however, has been made. The debate in the House will, of course, be a non-party one. Hon. Charles Macell will second the resolution moved by the Vancouver member.

SEAL SHIPS ARRIVE.

Up to noon to-day neither Jobs nor Bowring had any news of the arrival of their ships north. Bowring had a message saying that the Eagle, which was one of the last ships to leave here—the Bloodhound was the very last—got down to Westville at 4 a.m. to-day. She beat the fleet on the run and left here 1 1/2 hours behind the Terra Nova. The Ranger arrived at Channel last night and made a good run. The Bloodhound arrived down this morning to clear from Pool's Island.

MARRIED MEN AGES 27 TO 35 CALLED TO COLORS

LONDON, March 8.—Newspapers announced to-day that a Proclamation will be issued next week, calling to the colors all married men between the ages of 27 and 35.

The Prospero left Trepassey at 6.45 a.m. to-day bound west.

The next foreign mail by express is not due in the city till Saturday.

In the Police Court to-day Mr. Hutchings, K.C., sentenced a drunk for the second time this season to pay \$2 or go down for 14 days.

Mr. Vey went out to the sealfishery on the S.S. Bloodhound and will take some fine photos while at the ice. Friend "Jim" will also have a share of harps to his credit if the ship strikes them.

Miss Alice Byrne, eldest daughter of Mr. Garret Byrne, will leave by the Stephano to enter the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, to go in training as a nurse. Miss Byrne is a graduate of Littlefield Academy and we wish her every success.

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Mrs. Joy—New Gower Street.
Mr. Ryan—Casey Street.
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Mrs. Keefe—Hamilton Street.
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PRESIDENT COAKER

PRESIDENT COAKER and Mr. Charlie Bryant will leave by this evening's express for a visit to Herring Neck, and will be absent three or four days.
The Trading Company is erecting a business premises at Herring Neck, which is to be ready for occupation the coming Spring, and President Coaker wishes to inspect the work erected and arrange for the completion of the premises.
The driving is good at present, and the journey of over 40 miles from Lewisport will be made by horse and sleigh. Boyd's Cove will also be visited.

AS WE THOUGHT

WE never had any faith in the huge Hudson Bay proposition on which the Canadian Government ventured some years ago. We have known for some time that the fisheries of Hudson Bay were of little commercial value; and we published in our columns some months ago the report of Mr. Comeau who was sent as special commissioner to investigate fishery conditions in that region.
Canadian exchanges inform us that Parliament will be asked to vote an additional \$3,000,000 for work on the Hudson Bay railway scheme; and before the work is finished it may have used up fully \$20,000,000 from the Dominion treasury. Quite recently the Naval Service Department published a report of an official investigator regarding navigation through Hudson Straits, and he reported unfavorably regarding navigation conditions excepting through the months of August and September.
Had the Canadian Government appointed some of our Newfoundland skippers on this investigation service, we would have more faith in the report. We believe that Capt. Sam Bartlett has been interviewed several times by the Canadian Government on this subject; but we have no knowledge as to what his views on the matter were. We believe that there is no man alive who could give a more accurate report as Captain Sam; but then, says the Canadian Expert (?), he is not of the academic class; he has no scientific handles to his name; he is a plain Newfoundland master-mariner. This would never do; and the result is that these doctors differ in the Canadian commission of investi-

CITIZEN REPLIES TO THE HERALD'S DEFENCE OF THE COAL BARONS.

\$8,400 Saved to the Poor of St. John's Through the Action of the Opposition Papers.

(To Editor of Mail and Advocate.)
Dear Sir,—I desire first of all to thank you for your kindness in publishing my letter in reply to the Mutt and Jeff rag's attempt to defend the coal barons in their recent steal of \$1.50 a ton on the "Alceda's" coal.
As intimated by me yesterday, I will now deal with the attitude of the unsavory "Herald." The "Herald," like Reid's organ, the Mutt and Jeff paper, says it has gone to the trouble to interview one Mr. T. A. Hall, who is, I think, the Government engineer imported here by Sir E. P. Morris to fill this important position. Now, sir, I would like to know what does this Mr. Hall know about the coal situation anyway? Does he know the actual conditions existing in Sydney? Does he know the price of coal delivered on board the steamer at the pier in Sydney? Does he know anything about this coal matter other than what information he has been given by the Coal Barons? I don't think he does. The "Herald," if one were to take its defence of the Coal Barons seriously, would have the public believe that these patriotic gentry were in the coal business for the fun of it. Now listen to the "Herald": "When everything is worked out, it is estimated that the dealers make a profit of only fifty cents per ton on the coal, and no more is being made by the various local coal dealers now than they were before Dec. 31 when every body was satisfied to pay the figure \$8.00." If this is correct, and we suppose the information came from one of the Coal Barons, would the "Herald" inform an anxious public as to why the coal dealers raised the price of coal from \$8.00 to \$10.80 on the first of the year. Coal they were selling on Dec. 31st, 1915 for \$8.00 was offered by them to the public on Jan. 1st, 1916 for \$10.80—an increase of \$2.80 per ton in forty-eight hours. The public are already aware of the flimsy excuse offered by the Coal Barons and their subsidised press for this outrageous act.
Mr. Alex. Harvey, in an interview given the "Herald" some time ago advised the people to economise as much as possible. This, he thought, would stretch the present supply of coal and hought the public would be footed by his plea that the Coal Barons were forced to increase the cost of coal held in their sheds to protect themselves from a future advance in freight rates.
This plea, of course, may have been successful if the Opposition Party did not force the Government to take action in the matter. The result of the combined efforts of the Government and Opposition was that the coal the Barons were selling for \$10.80 was taken over by the Government and sold for \$8.00. Had no action been taken to protect the interest of the laboring people, the latter would have bled to the tune of \$2.80 per ton. Alex. Harvey and his partners in this coal ring would have scooped up \$8,400 which is now in the pockets of the poor, thanks to the Telegram and The Mail and Advocate.
The Government then solemnly promised the Opposition that the latter would be consulted re the cargo negotiated for by the "Alceda." But in this they failed to keep their promise, and the result is that the Coal Trust scored a signal victory over the Government and so had their way in fixing the price of coal, which brings them a clear profit of \$1.50 over what the legitimate profit should be. I should here like to ask the "Herald" man if he will explain why the Government has allowed the Reid Co. to keep the S.S. Coban on dock for six weeks. Was the steamer kept there so that the Government could not charter the ship to keep charter at \$1.50 per ton from being carried out which had been entered into previous to the rise in freight; with some conception Bay parties. Will the "Herald" answer these questions.
CITIZEN.
St. John's, Mar. 6, 1916.

READ THE MAIL & ADVOCATE

"Citizen" Replies to "Mutt and Jeff"

Challenges Them to Deny the Charge Contained in His Monday's Letter re the Plot to Knife Morris—Denies Mutt and Jeff to Deny that Crosbie and Squires Contribute Most of the Dough to Establish the Comic Organ.

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir,—The Star was concerned enough over my letter published on Monday to reply very feebly on Tuesday. The reply did not attempt to deal with my statements; the whole subject was passed over in the unsavory manner so usual to Mutt and Jeff. They cannot find cheek enough to brazenly assert that they did not support the Coal Barons' robbery of \$1.50 per ton on coal, nor could they defend the outrageous insult hurled in the faces of the fishermen last October, when the fishermen were told that the price paid for fish was more than it was worth. One would think that the whole country stood to benefit by the good prices for the staple article; but judging from Mutt and Jeff's opinion of values, they were nasty because Coaker had driven prices to such high values.
They did not answer my accusations that a clique in the Executive were working to knife the Premier when an opportunity offered, and a "sectarian" agitation had been decided on to turn Protestant against Catholic in order to split if possible the Northern vote, and thus kill the F.P.U. and Coaker. There was no reply to the warnings I uttered. There was no attempt made to deny any of the statements. The public can therefore rest assured that I struck the right nail on the head, and their silence is a confession that my charge was well founded.
Sometime ago you challenged Mutt and Jeff to deny that Crosbie and Squires had supplied the largest portion of the money used for the establishment of the Star; no denial was made. The challenge was repeated, and still no denial. The fact is Crosbie and Squires put up three-fourths of the dough contributed to buy up Mutt and Jeff, who promised faithfully they would smash Coaker and the Union in six months if they were supplied with a paper. The paper was supplied, but the result has been to show just what sort of characters Mutt and Jeff are and the strengthening and extension of the F.P.U.
As for Coaker, he is regarded as the man of the hour—the coming Premier of a Union Government—and he is the strongest political factor in public life to-day. He has extended his influence and strength to an amazing degree during the past twelve months and Mutt and Jeff has done him far more good than harm.
The Star has been a failure politically and financially. As a newspaper the editorials of Mutt and Jeff and their "R. U. Right" scribbles have proved unreliable childish trash that no one takes seriously. They have failed to pay their way during the year they have been operating and the clique behind them have been called upon to pony up \$3000 losses. Beside the cash contributed to buy the fitout, there is a mortgage for over \$10,000 on the plant bearing interest at 6 per cent.
Mutt and Jeff were so badly stung by my letter of Monday they could assuage their anger only by making it appear that the noble President was the "Citizen" who wrote my letter. They, as usual, will have to guess again; and they will have to guess often before they identify me, if they do no better in guessing than they have in their "R. U. Right" scribbles.
I repeat every statement made in my letter of Monday, and I chal-

GLEANINGS OF GONE BY DAYS

MARCH 9
BATTLE between Merrimac and Monitor, 1862.
Dr. F. L. Bradshaw, Placentia, died, 1873.
William Kitchen, Jr., died, 1875.
Jas. Mallowney, cooper, King's Road, died, 1880.
St. Thomas's and St. Mary's Temperance Societies formed, 1880.
Rev. William Netten, C.E. minister, died, aged 80, 1886.
Mrs. William San Croix died at Holyrood, St. Mary's Bay, 1887.
Sergeant McDermott broke his leg by his horse falling on him, 1887.
Admiral Prowse, of the anti-bark fleet, blockaded by ice in Bay Bulls, while on his way to West Coast, 1888.
Emperor Frederick of Germany died of cancer, 1888.
Rev. John Walsh, St. Lawrence, died, 1890.
H. C. Goodridge buried, 1899.
Brit. Topaz arrived with small-pox on board, 1873.

EDUCATE THE PEOPLE

LONDON TIMES.—In this (compulsory national and personal thrift), as in all else, it is the business of the government to "educate their masters." The education must be both theoretical and practical if it is to produce the best results. Reasoning alone will not produce them. The two processes should go hand in hand. Thoughtlessness and ignorance do lie at the root of a very large part of our national wastefulness, and these can be combated by a "thrift campaign" conducted with intelligence and zeal. The people want to win the war quite as much as do their rulers, and we cannot believe that they are unwilling or unable to learn how individual thrift will help us win it.

INCOMPLAINING

"And you never find fault around the house?"
"What's the use?" replied Bill. Et Rod. "My wife is home hardly enough to notice it if I did."
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(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir.—Will you allow me space in your valuable paper to record a few remarks re a meeting we had a few nights ago, when Brigus Local Council was favored with a visit from Friend R. Hibbs of Kelligrews' Local Council, who is travelling in the interest of the Union Trading, Export and Publishing companies.
Friend Hibbs gave a glowing account of the benefits the Trading Co. has been to the fishermen and the country in general the past five years, especially the fishermen of the Northern Bays who have been benefited thousands of dollars, through the untiring efforts of President Coaker and the Union Trading Co.
Friend Hibbs assured those present that what President Coaker and the Trading Co. had done for the fishermen up North the Export Co. under the same management could, and would, do for the fishermen of Conception Bay, especially those fishing off the coast of Labrador. Of course our Friend made it plain that in order to partake of the many good things outlined, the men of Conception Bay would have to subscribe a certain amount of capital to help carry on the business, and he (Hibbs)

was there to produce the goods. Friend Hibbs spoke for an hour and forty minutes on the Union and benefits derived therefrom, both political, commercial and other ways, and urged all present to do all in their power to help along the good work.
Brigus Council wishes to congratulate the companies in their choice of having such an efficient agent as our Friend, and we feel sure that the work allotted to him will be done to the best interest of all concerned. At the close of his address a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him by those present.
A few nights previous we had our election of officers which resulted as follows:
Chairman—T. Roberts.
Deputy Chairman—Capt. W. Gushue.
Rec. Secretary—Frank Percey.
Treasurer—John Gushue.
Financial Secretary—Edward Roberts.
Door Guard—Thomas Mosdell.
Committee—James King, William Clarke and James Way. Wishing President Coaker a pleasant time off and safe return.
Yours truly,
A MEMBER
Brigus, Feb. 21, 1916.

In the great F. P. U. fight stands today 23,000 sons of toil.
The privileges we are enjoying today have been brought about by the fishermen's own efforts and those of President Coaker. President Coaker has built, equipped and maintained the greatest organization in the face of the fiercest opposition ever put up against any man that ever trod this land of ours. Battle after battle has been waged by President Coaker on behalf of the masses of Nfld., but he has never been defeated because his aims and objects are right, and right must prevail.
The Mail and Advocate is the fishermen's watch tower, it is controlled by the fishermen. It has spread from home to home and land to land. Stand by The Mail and Advocate! Since the birth of the F. P. U. the fishermen have at their control an F. P. U. Trading Co. and an Export Co., also a Publishing Co. and two hundred and forty-four Local Councils and twenty-five F. P. U. stores in operation. We strongly advise all who can to aid the Export Co. No better or safer investment exists in the Colony. Why, bank your earnings at 3 per cent when you can make 5 or 10 per cent.
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Our ranks have been broken since we last met together in this way. Friend Eli West has been called away and when the roll is called up yonder I hope we will meet him. We miss him from our ranks, he was a noble fighter in this great cause. Friend Hy. Thomas Green also is gone from our ranks. He was also a good and noble friend. Friend James Elsworth gave his life on the battlefield on the night of Nov. 4th. We thank God for such a hero, he did not fear death.
I hope and trust that before we meet together again in this way that peace will be proclaimed throughout the whole world and the thousands of weeping parents and children will have their sorrow turned into joy.
I trust that all will pull shoulder to shoulder and help along this F. P. U. fight in the welfare of the toilers of Newfoundland. It has won victory after victory.
HENRY S. CHAULK.
Carmenville, Feb. 28, 1916.
"Will Jones' dog eat out of your hand?"
"Yes, and out of your leg, too if he gets the chance."

CARMENVILLE F.P.U. ANNUAL PARADE

The Chairman Delivers a Stirring Address on Union Principles.

(Editor Mail and Advocate)
Dear Sir.—We have held our annual parade for 1916. I herewith hand you for publication the Chairman's address on the occasion:
Ladies and gentlemen:
I am glad to have the privilege to welcome you, one and all, to the sixth annual parade at Carmenville. It is recognized throughout the county to-day that there is only one landing stage to which the fishermen can with safety make fast. This

landing stage is the great F.P.U. It is not built from Government funds or by Government efforts, but by the fishermen themselves. It has stood the test of six years against criticism and bluff and to-day it stands out stronger than ever. Its influence is spreading North and South.
Fairplay has been denied the masses in the past, and would be as far away to-day as it was 40 years ago had there been no Coaker or F. P. U. Thank God we are out of the Bondage

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Anderson's, Water Street, St. John's.

From Our Naval Lads

H. M. S. Conqueror II.
February 5, 1916.
Dear Father—I received your letter yesterday and was very pleased to hear from you, and to hear that you were well. I was beginning to wonder if you had moved from Pool's Island, as I didn't get any answer to the letter that I wrote quite a long time ago, so I was afraid to write any more because I thought perhaps you would not get them. Anyhow, I hope you will get this one, and answer it as soon as you can, because I always like to hear from home, to find out how you are all getting along &c.
So you and Fred made a poor summer, eh? I am sorry to hear it, but never mind, it will be alright by and by. I am glad you get the money from me alright. This is a very good ship that I am in, and so far as comfort is concerned she is one of the best. The place we live in on board is not very much like a sailor's fore-castle, it is just as good as anybody could wish to have. Our food is good enough, and we get lots of clothes to keep us warm in the winter; so you see everything is alright. Tell mother not to be troubled about me a little bit, because there is no need for her to be. I should like to meet you all sometimes, if it's all finished, and you can bet we would cheer me up a little bit and make me more fit to fight the Germans by going down to my place, as I can always know where we are when we meet them.
There is not a great deal of work to be done on board just enough to keep a man from getting lazy. I am nearly all my letters, and if I suppose you have plenty of snow over there before this. The weather here is very good. I haven't seen any snow at all yet this winter and England and he is as strong as a bear.

I don't suppose I will see any. Give Fred my best love, and tell him that he must not join the army or navy while I am away, but tell him I would like for him to stay home as much as he can to look after you and mother until I get back, and then if he wants to have a look at the world he can. Anyhow, he mustn't join any of the services, because they can't force him, he being yours and mother's only support at present.
Now, I must soon bring my letter to a close, as we will be going out to sea again. Tell mother not to worry about the company I keep, or anything, as it is alright, and I wish the war was over tomorrow so that I could come back again. Give my love to Daisy, and tell her not to forget her big brother in her bedtime prayers, but I know more of you will do that, so I feel quite safe. Give my best regards to all, enquiring kind friends. Yetman sends his love to you, mother and Daisy. Now I must close with fondest love from your close son.
E. LANE.

good looking too with all, and all the New Haven girls are crazy about him.
Now I must close, wishing you and Mrs. Lane the best of health and luck.
Yours truly,
CHARLES YETMAN.
INDIAN VICEROYALTY
The Bengali.
Lord Kitchener is doing splendid service to the Empire. No British subject can undervalue the nature of those services; and when the war is over, and the allies have secured assured triumph, he will undoubtedly be honored by a grateful country as a Wellington or a Marlborough had been. It is indefensible in principle and will be found, mischievous in practice to call the greatest soldier of his generation, trained in the discipline and the ideas of the army, to fill the highest administrative office within the Empire. We hope the experiment will not be tried. If there is such an idea, educated India protests against it with emphasis.

NO PLACE TO BEGIN
Marie—At the place where I was spending my vacation this summer, a fresh young farmer tried to kiss me. He told me he had never kissed a girl in his life.
Ethel—And what did you say to him?
Marie—I told him I was no agricultural experiment station—Boston Transcript.
CANT BE DONE
The Wife—The paper says that New York doctors have formed a society to study methods for staying the advance of old age.
The Husband—Well, tell 'em you've tried prevarication and reducing the number of candles in your birthday cakes, and neither will do it.

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Dear Mr. Lane.—As Edward is writing you I thought I drop you a line as well, just to let you know that we are good and comfortable here, and are more than glad to be doing our "bit" for our country. Ed and myself have been together ever since we left home, and I expect we will be together now until it's all finished, and you can bet we won't be long making tracks for home. You can always know where we are by going down to my place, as I write home every week, and I mean to be done on board just enough to keep a man from getting lazy. I am nearly all my letters, and if I suppose you have plenty of snow over there before this. The weather here is very good. I haven't seen any snow at all yet this winter and England and he is as strong as a bear.

One day an old negro, clad in rags and carrying a basket on his head, ambled into the White House and placed his basket on the floor. Stepping toward President Lincoln, he said:
"Am you de President, sah?"
"I am," said Mr. Lincoln.
"If dat am a fac, I'se glad to meet yer. Yer see, I livers away up dar in de back o' Virginie and I'se a poor man, and I'm here to get some ob 'em, sah."—Argonaut.
"So poor I.R.N. Steel has matrimonial indignation."
"Yes, his wife disagrees with him."

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DISCUSSES THE TONNAGE QUESTION

The Question of Imports Discussed—Committees Formed to Deal With Matter—Salt Problem Most Vital to Country's Interest

Last evening, on the invitation of the Prime Minister and the Board of Trade, the Committee appointed by the Board of Trade, consisting of Hon. M. G. Winter and Messrs. R. F. Horwood, George Williams and Charles Blackburn, and the Committee appointed by the Government, namely, the Prime Minister, Hon. M. P. Cashin and Hon. R. K. Bishop, together with Mr. W. F. Coaker, M.H.A., representing the Fishermen's Protective Union, met in the Board of Trade Rooms to consider the Tonnage Question. The following gentlemen were also present—Hons. John Harvey and J. C. Crosbie, and Messrs. W. B. Grieve, W. G. Gosling, A. J. Harvey, J. Campbell, Colin Campbell, George Shea, C. P. Ayre, R. Goodridge and J. B. Urquhart.

In his opening address the Prime Minister outlined the present position of the tonnage question. He referred to the general meeting which had been held in the Board of Trade Rooms recently in connection with the matter, to the correspondence between the Board of Trade and the Government, which had resulted therefrom and quoted the following Resolution which had been adopted by the general meeting and forwarded for the consideration of the Government:

"That this meeting of the Newfoundland Board of Trade having considered the inadequacy of the supplies of tonnage to meet the requirements of the import and export trades of this Colony recommend the President and Council to invite His Majesty's Government to join them in the selection and appointment of a Committee for the purpose of further investigating this matter and of making a report thereon immediately, coupling the same with such recommendations as in the opinion of the said Committee may be best suited to adjust the supply of tonnage to the Colony's requirements."

The Prime Minister also referred to the correspondence that had taken place between the Government and the Opposition, requesting their co-operation, and Mr. Kent's reply, indicating that the Opposition were prepared to view favourably any reasonable action the Government might decide to take, but expressing the opinion that the responsibility should be that of the Executive Government. The Premier then went on to point out that the four matters really of importance were the freighting of salt, flour, coal and general merchandise. Salt was vital to the trade of the Colony. Lack of other commodities might cause inconvenience, but the salt supply was absolutely necessary. If we did not have salt this season our fishery would be valueless. He quoted correspondence which had taken place between himself and Lord Rothermere, in which the latter offered his two steamers, the Alconda and Cranley, which had been released by the Admiralty on the representations of the Newfoundland Government, to go to Cadiz and load two cargoes of salt to relieve the situation here.

Sir Edward then took up the matter of coal supplies, outlined what the Government had done, and intimated that with present stocks in town the market was supplied until the first of June. He was of the opinion that coal dealers and the owners of the wooden sealing steamers would bring about an arrangement by which all the coal required for domestic purposes could be brought here between now and January next.

The Prime Minister then dealt with the flour situation, and quoted figures to show that the average importation of flour into the Colony annually was 360,000 barrels. About half this was taken care of by the Reid Newfoundland Company by steamer from Sydney to Port aux Basques and by railway to St. John's and other points. The balance was brought by direct steam from Montreal and by the Red Cross Line from the

United States and Canada. Last year between May and November several foreign ships had brought 100,000 barrels direct from Montreal, and the balance had been freighted by the Florizel, Stephano and other boats. At present there did not appear to be any ships in sight to look after the flour situation, but he believed it was a matter that the Committee would find a way out of without any increased cost.

The importation of general merchandise would be taken care of by the Furness Line from England, by the Reid Newfoundland Company from Canada, and by the Red Cross Line from the United States and the Dominion. On the whole the Prime Minister saw nothing whatever in the situation to create panic or uneasiness, and he thought that there was little fear of a flour, salt or coal famine, or a lack of other imports, provided the problem was taken up intelligently and a proper organization was formed to deal with the matter. This, he felt sure, would be done by the trade upon whom the responsibility rested, and, as far as the Government was concerned, he gave the meeting an assurance that they would be prepared to co-operate in every possible manner procedure would be to appoint small sub-committees to deal with each of these matters individually and invited the gentlemen present to express their ideas on the various subjects under consideration.

Mr. W. B. Grieve thought that the salt difficulty would be overcome with the aid promised by Lord Rothermere. Already arrangements have been made for a large proportion of the quantity usually imported, and with the addition of the two proposed, cargoes by the Alconda and Cranley, he was satisfied that a satisfactory supply would be assured.

Mr. George Williams drew attention to the great scarcity of cattle feeds in the city, and pointed out that unless supplies of bran, corn meal, corn, hay, etc., were not soon forthcoming, a very serious situation would result. These feeds were being mostly from Sydney, and he emphasized the urgency of having them brought on without delay to avert a threatened famine. He thought a steamer should be placed on the route between St. John's and Sydney and operated continually.

Mr. W. F. Coaker considered conditions serious enough to warrant the Government stopping the express for a few days in order to enable the Kyle to move this freight, and also suggested asking the co-operation of the Montreal Board of Trade and the Canadian Minister of Trade and Commerce with a view to relieving the situation by aiding in the securing of steamers.

In this connection, Hon. J. C. Crosbie offered to send his steamer, the Fogota, for a few trips to bring down supplies, if satisfactory arrangements could be made with the Reid-Nfld. Co.

Hon. John Harvey thought it would be possible to secure the S. S. Stephano for one trip, and send her to Halifax to load flour and feeds in order to help relieve the situation.

Some discussion, in which all present participated, took place as to the possibility of securing a boat for general use to freight flour, coal and general merchandise as required, but it was found that the experience of those firms which had made enquiries in this direction showed the almost utter impossibility of obtaining any kind of a suitable steamer.

Mr. Blackburn thought it might be possible that conditions would improve upon the opening of navigation, when a large number of steamers at Archangel would be released.

Mr. Gosling suggested that a solution of the difficulty might be arrived at through the purchase of a steamer by importers and exporters here, aided by Government assistance. Regarding the coal supply, Mr. A. J. Harvey stated that supplies at present in the city would suffice for some months. In the meantime he was endeavouring to secure a steamer to freight further cargoes. There was also a possibility of chartering one or more of the sealing steamers on their return from the icefields if freight rates were not excessive.

On the conclusion of the meeting the joint committee assembled. The Prime Minister was appointed Chairman with Mr. Geo. Williams as Secretary. The various suggestions which had been made at the general meeting were debated, with the result that two sub-committees were nominated, one, consisting of Hon. R. K. Bishop, Mr. W. B. Grieve and Mr. J. S. Munn, to deal with the question of the importation of salt, with power to close a charter for the conveyance of salt by the steamers Alconda and Cranley, offered by Lord Rothermere; and the other, consisting of Hon. M. G. Winter, and Messrs. W. F. Coaker, M.H.A., and George Williams, to take up the matter of a supply of flour and feeds, and arrange immediately with the Reid Newfoundland Company and Hon. J. C. Crosbie, in connection with the proposed trips of the Fogota as well

Weather and Ice Conditions

Seal Cove—Wind N., weather fine and cold, bay still full of ice, no seals seen.

Tilt Cove—Wind N.W., moderate, bay well clear.

Nipper's Hr.—Moderate all night, bay cased over with ice slob, few bedlamer seals seen.

Twillingate—Wind N., fresh, clear, fine and cold, bay filling in with ice and slob, many seals reported yesterday.

Change Islands—Light N. W., fair, ice on land.

Fogo—Wind W.N.W., very moderate, mild, fine, ice off still.

Bonavista—Very light N. wind, fine clear, ice packed on south of bay, little water to be seen outside about seven miles from shore.

Catalina—Light N. wind, fine weather, no ice on North side bay.

Flower's Cove—Moderate winds, fair and much warmer, lots of ice. (Tuesday, from Quebec.)

Heath Point—Clear north, light close packed everywhere.

Magnolia Islands—Clear N.W., close packed ice inshore.

Money Point and Scatterie—Clear N. W., heavy close packed inshore.

Flat Point—Clear W. light open ice distant.

Point Amour—Clear, calm, heavy close packed distant.

AN IMPOSING FUNERAL

Yesterday afternoon the funeral of the late Mr. Justice Emerson took place and was one of the most imposing seen in the city for some time. A large concourse of citizens of all classes paid the last tribute of respect to the deceased judge. His Excellency the Governor was represented by Chief Justice Sir Wm. Horwood and Capt. Goodridge, A.D.C., and there were in the funeral procession, besides Premier Morris, the members of both branches of the Legislature, Judges of the Central District Court, members of the Legal Fraternity, the Civic Commission and a guard from the constabulary.

The service at the R. C. Cathedral was a choral, Rt. Rev. Monsignor McDermott, V.G.; Rev. Dr. Carter, H. Renouf and J. Pippy officiating, the final absolution being imparted by Monsignor McDermott. Interment was in the family burial plot at Belvidered cemetery.

GOOD RIFLE WORK

Our soldiers are making splendid progress with the rifle at the range. The men are giving promise of more than ordinary proficiency, and Tuesday evening good work was done at the 500 yards range.

The scores Tuesday and yesterday were: 200 yds. Tuesday morning—Job Rose 18, H. Price 13, S. Edwards 17, A. Evox 17, J. B. Grant 16, H. J. Carter 16, D. Peddle 16, T. Carew 16, G. M. T. Pennell 15, S. Roberts 15, James Woodman 14, H. Ball 14, A. Quinton 13, H. T. Granter 13, M. Conran 12, P. Healey 12, T. Evox 12, Total 270. Average 15 for 18 men.

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R. C. CHURCH NOTES

At all the masses in the Cathedral and St. Patrick's yesterday there were large and devoted congregations present. During the day the churches were crowded with people performing the devotions of the Holy Way of the Cross, and at night Lenten Services began.

In the Cathedral the Rosary of the B.V.M. was recited by Rev. Dr. Carter, who also imparted Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Rt. Rev. Monsignor McDermott occupied the pulpit and preached a very eloquent sermon, during the course of which he referred to the mission to be preached by the Fathers of the Passionist Order, beginning on Sunday the 19th inst., and exhorted all to attend and observe faithfully the Lenten fasts, and approach the sacraments frequently.

SEALERS ARRIVE AT CHANNEL.

The S.S. Viking which left here Monday morning arrived at Channel yesterday forenoon after a good run. The Diana arrived there at 7.30 a.m. yesterday after working out of the storm at St. Lawrence. The Seal arrived there from Halifax in the afternoon to sign on her crew there.

As the suggested trip of the Stephano. Both these sub-committees met today and will report to the general committee at a meeting which has been called for Friday night next.

LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. T. Grey who is operator of the Holton Wireless Station has gone Marconi man in the Sam Blandford.

To-day a row occurred on board a schooner between some sealers at Job's wharf and the police who were called quickly quelled it.

The man arrested by Sgt. Mackey for stealing a pair of skin boots exclusively referred to in this paper, was before court yesterday and was sentenced to 30 days.

The corpse of Miss Jennie Oliver who died recently in Boston arrived here by the express yesterday afternoon and was conveyed to her former residence on Bannerman Street.

A DOG'S DEVOTION

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WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH NEWFOUNDLAND

Hon. J. A. Robinson, in The News, this morning, notes that Newfoundlanders in Canada are no shirkers. According to the editor of our m.c. there are in the Canadian 25th Battalion, which has been bearing its share in the struggle around Ypres the past year, no less than 75 Bush Borns. In the 40th there are 37, in the 64th, 45, or 157 in these three battalions.

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WAR MESSAGES

THE TONNAGE QUESTION

LONDON, Mar. 8.—Walter Runciman, President of the Board of Trade, said that in view of the fact that the services of every officer and seaman were urgently needed afloat, the Board has reconsidered the question of holding a formal investigation into the loss of the steamer Persia. He said the Board had come to the conclusion that an investigation would not produce results of sufficient importance to justify the further detention of the officers and crew ashore, and the considerable expense which would be involved. He stated in the Commons to-day that the Brewers' Society had agreed to a reduction of its imports of brewing materials by one-third. The order to release this tonnage, Runciman stated, would mean a saving of 200,000 tons.

CHURCHILL'S FACE ABOUT CREATES SURPRISE

LONDON, Mar. 8.—Churchill's remarkable volte face has excited surprise, indignation and perplexity as to the real meaning of his outspoken speech. The Times sees in it the expression of popular anxiety felt in regard to the naval position.

The Chronicle, a Government supporter, would regret to see the matter become an acrimonious one, but hoped that the services of the greatest original sailor in modern times will once more be frequently utilized for the Empire's benefit.

Lobby opinion is that Churchill has done neither himself nor the State any good.

SHIPPING

The S.S. Noreg now 12 days out from Barry should arrive here shortly to load fish for Europe.

The Meigle which have been delayed two days off Placentia by ice, arrived there at noon yesterday.

The S.S. Stephano leaves New York at 3 p.m. to-day and is due here Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning.

Capt. Cross and crew of the Bellaventure left New York by the Stephano to-day. The Bellaventure is now in Russia.

A report was current to-day that the Meigle had two blades of her propeller damaged in forcing through the ice off Placentia. We phoned the Reid Nfld. Co., who say that nothing of the kind occurred.

DETECTIVES ARE BUSY

Recognizing that another crackman is prowling about the city nightly the detectives are again hard at work. The thefts from English's jewellery store, the attempt at P. J. Shea's and other matters exclusively referred to in The Mail and Advocate are occupying their attention, and Tees, Byrne and Tobin will no doubt shortly land their men.

LEAVING WITH XAVIER UNIT

Master Walter Callahan, son of Mr. Rodger Callahan, (tinsmith, leaves here by this evening's express for Antigonish where he will join the St. Francis Xavier Unit, and will go from that place to France to serve with the Red Cross Corps of the Celebrated University at the front.

Master Callahan is only in his 15th year and is to be commended in his patriotism and pluck.

HAD HAND CRUSHED

As Mr. J. Earle was working at A. H. Murray's yesterday he narrowly escaped being killed. A cask of fish fell from a tier, just missed his head, but terribly crushed his left hand as it rested on another package. He was given first aid at Wadden's pharmacy and was then looked after by a doctor.

S. E. GALE WEST

To-day a S. E. gale with snow later bearing to rain prevails at Port aux Basques and other places West. The S. S. Kyle is three miles off Port aux Basques forcing in through the ice and should arrive this afternoon.

MAKING IN FOR CAPE RACE

Messages were received in the city to-day saying that the S.S. San Onofre, towed by the San Gregoria, is to-day making in for Cape Race and should arrive down here, weather and ice permitting, to-morrow morning. The ship will get a stock of coal here.

OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST

FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

1568 Private Howard Hulan, Robinson's Station, St. George. Seriously ill, phthisis pulmonalis at Red Cross Hospital, Ayr.

J. R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary.

VON BERNSTORFF REPLIES FOR GERMANY

WASHINGTON, Mar. 8.—The German Government in a memorandum handed to-day by Count Von Bernstorff to Secretary of State Lansing, outlines the details of its position in regard to armed ships. It reviews events leading up to its decision to torpedo without warning all armed merchantmen of its enemies; concedes that international law, as at present constituted, makes no provision for the use of submarines; expresses willingness to operate its submarines in accordance with international law prevailing prior to the war, on condition that Britain does not violate the same laws.

HUN SOW MINES AROUND ENGLISH COAST

LONDON, Mar. 8.—The blockade of Britain by mines, reported as threatened by Germany, is already in existence along the trade route to Holland. According to naval critics the German mines are between the mouth of the Thames and the Galloway lightship. It is in this neighborhood that many disasters occurred during the last month.

Passenger ships, until recently, had been quite successful in dodging mines by making voyages in daylight, but no method is known for guarding against submerged anchor mines.

AROUND VERDUN

PARIS, Mar. 8.—The French, by a strong counter-attack, succeeded to-day in driving the Germans from the greater part of Corbeu Wood, which they occupied yesterday. According to an official statement to-night, the Germans now hold only the eastern extremity of this wood. The Germans, however, have re-occupied Harmondoum redoubt. Douaumont, to the north of Verdun, is again being heavily bombarded.

ZEP WAS HIT

LONDON, Mar. 8.—Messages received here from newspaper correspondents in Kent assert that one zeppelin which took part in Sunday's raid, was damaged by anti-aircraft guns. One message stated that a zeppelin, which passed over the Kentish coast, homeward bound, easily on Monday was seen to be in difficulty. Another despatch says it is reported that an explosion took place on board the zeppelin when it was hit. This partially crippled it. A broken portion of the zeppelin's propeller was found.

HUN LOSSES HEAVY

PARIS, Mar. 8.—Prisoners taken at Verdun, estimate that the losses to the battalions which took part in infantry assaults since February 25th, at an average of two-thirds of the total strength.

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