

British Brains Outwit Germans
Stirring Tale of the Sea and Brilliant Feat Of Seamanship

(London Morning Post)
At the beginning of October the Brisbane Telegraph published the following paragraph: "His Excellency the Lieutenant-governor this morning received at government house, Captain Clopet, the commander of the steamer Southport, which recently arrived in Brisbane, after escaping from the clutches of the Germans at Kussie. Mrs. Clopet accompanied her husband, Sir Arthur Morgan, on the steamer, and expressed the admiration of the British people for their skillful and plucky action."

Herby hangs a tale worth telling, which Sir Arthur Morgan has reported in full to the Secretary of State for the Colonies and to the governor-general. The Imperial Merchant Service Guild, to which we are indebted for the details, has since been informed by the chief officer of the Southport C. Dodd, that the flag of that vessel was sold at Brisbane by public auction and that the £200 which it fetched has been handed to the Patriotic Fund.

On September 4 the last Southport found herself, all unconscious of the outbreak of war, at Kussie, the most easterly of the Caroline group of islands, running short of provisions, and awaiting loading orders to be delivered by the Germans, already over the sea. On the same day the German cruiser Geier and the transport Teintau, of Bremen, arrived in the harbor, and a party of officers and sailors, fully armed, boarded the British vessel and demanded the ship's papers. Later on engineers from the Geier disabled her engines. The four engines of the medium pressure and high pressure engines and other parts connected therewith, and also the intermediate stop valve, were removed.

On the following day the Teintau started transshipping coal into her bunkers, and a formal Act of Seizure was read over to the captain of the Southport, appropriating the vessel to the Imperial German Government. At the same time the German naval ensign was hoisted. The German officers and men standing at the salute. Captain Clopet was then instructed to take charge of the ship, for which thereafter he was to be responsible to the Germans, as well as for the discipline of the crew, pending further orders on the part of the German government. The commander of the Geier said it was impossible for him to put any provisions aboard as they also had run short, but ultimately he sent four loaves of bread, which falling anything more substantial were very welcome.

At the same time he gave the captain of the Southport an order on the king of Kussie in the name of the Imperial German government to supply the ship with such food as the island produced. Shortly afterwards the Geier and Teintau sailed away in a southeasterly direction.

The Dash for Brisbane
No sooner were they gone than Captain Clopet consulted his chief engineer, to the possibility of firing up the engines so that they could proceed to sea. The chief engineer thought it could be done, and at once they set to work. On September 15 it was reported to the captain that the engines were ready, and last night, when the German officers were given a trial sally, the engines were started, and then stopped after a few revolutions, the chief engineer being satisfied with the results. The German engineers had left the two eccentric rods for the low pressure engine. One of these rods was placed in position on the ahead shaft of the high pressure engine, the other rod being utilized for a second on the low pressure engine. Thus the engineers were able to work the engines in the compound and simple, with the difference that they could only move in one direction, that is ahead, it being impossible to reverse the engines to go astern. There was also great difficulty in restarting the engines once they had been stopped, as they were liable to get on the centre, and additional risk was experienced in getting under way as the harbour of Kussie is very small, leaving hardly sufficient room for a steamer like the Southport to swing.

At the time of starting she was, as a matter of fact, swung with her stern towards the entrance, and on one side they had the land and on the other a coral reef, and the captain had taken the precaution to buoy the channel previous to leaving anchor. The shortage of provisions was also a great difficulty, but the captain had ordered some 400 lb. of roots, such as are used by the natives only when they are on the verge of starvation, and in addition 800 coconuts. The king of Kussie, who supplied the roots, was by this time aware that an attempt to escape was to be made. All was now ready.

With the assistance of warps the ship's stern was swung into the wind, and the anchor being hove just clear of the bottom her head started to pay off with the wind towards the entrance. As soon as she was swung up in the channel the telegraph was rung full ahead, and the steamship Westminister that the coast was clear of the enemy's ships, and a course was shaped for Brisbane, where they arrived on September 23, and on the plucky voyage to which the Australians do honor.

GERMANY ANGRY OVER CHARGE OF "BLUFF"
Admiralty Particularly Susceptible to British and American Taunts Regarding Paper Blockade
Copenhagen, Feb. 16.—England and America's disbelief in the efficiency of the German blockade of England's coasts has greatly angered Germany. The word "bluff," particularly annoys the German admiralty.

Prominent papers give assurance that no Danish interests will be threatened by the blockade. Other papers, chiefly semi-official, declare that Germany intends to sink any neutral ship without examination, if she is suspected of carrying contraband or of steaming to England. If any American ship is sunk America must bear the responsibility. Germany will not be influenced from outside quarters.

LOCAL NEWS

"Chalet" advance class with orchestra tonight.

WANTED—Fifty Waitresses for Banquet on West Side, Thursday evening, at 5 p. m. Apply Wansink, King Square. 2-18

Men's rubber boots, bright finish, sizes 8, 10 and 11. Regular \$4 for \$1.98 a pair.—At Wiesels' Cash Stores, Union street.

Special instance of "A Mist" Hero of the Opera House tomorrow afternoon at 2.30, in aid of the Red Cross Fund.

DUTCH AUCTION
Overcoats, worth from \$15 to \$25, are selling today at \$9; tomorrow at \$8; one dollar a day less each day until Feb. 19.—C. B. Fidgeon.

Children's best wearing rubbers, all sizes, 50c. At Wiesels' Cash Stores, Union street.

FOR THE BELGIANS
Mayor Frink has received contributions for the Belgian relief fund as follows:—Proceeds recital by the Junior Technical Class of W. C. Bowden, \$50; three children, city, Mrs. George W. Bruce, Kingston, N. B.; \$11; Sheffield, N. B., second U. B. church, \$10; Harry H. Smith, \$22; Newport, N. B., proceeds lecture, per W. H. Heine, \$2.50.

SOLDIERS' ATTENTION!
Have some real good photos taken before you leave for the front. Your friends and the new—The Reid Studio, corner Charlotte and King streets.

Illustrated lecture, "The German Philistine," by Rev. Gordon Dickie in the Grand Hall of the Museum this evening. Free to the public.

Ladies' first quality rubbers, broken sizes. Regular \$5c. for 45c. a pair.—At Wiesels' Cash Stores, Union street.

Brown Betty private dancing class tonight.

BRITISH PLAY, STAR'S BIG HIT!
Star Theatre, yesterday afternoon and last evening and again this afternoon, was crowded with people intent on seeing the first real British war picture, a story character yet presented on a St. John curtain. That they were well pleased with the production, seems very evident as applause was deafening at times. The picture is a three-act episode, dealing with the present struggle in Europe and should be a wonderful stimulus to recruiting the third contingent. It is called "For King and Country," and shows how many care-free and frivolous mislaid men are deluded into joining the colors, they are brought into contact with the enemy and find out how much they have about the last of the adventure of the nurse, who is captured by the Germans and liberated by the British after a terrible struggle. It gives added interest to this patriotic story. In addition to "For King and Country," the Star Theatre is presenting a series of motion pictures and portays more vivid than words, the vandalism inflicted on the city of London, perpetrated by the inhuman Germans.

There is no possibility of any firm continuing in business and selling The quality of "SALADA" for less money. You can get "SALADA" Brown Label from your grocer at 85c. a pound. Blue Label at 45c., and Red Label at 35c. a pound, and these are from the oldest gardens in the Island of Ceylon. All "SALADA" Teas are clean, pure and free from dust, which so many other teas are loaded with, and reduce their cost. 21AM

COMING TO ST. PETER'S.
Rev. Joseph McLaughlin, C. S. S. R., a former St. John boy, who is at present stationed in St. Peter's Redemptorist church, in Toronto, is expected in the city in the near future to be stationed for a few weeks at St. Peter's Church. He will assist the Fathers during Lent, owing to the necessitated absence of Rev. Fathers Hogan, Walsh and Jackson, who are to go on missions. Rev. Father Joseph will be about the last of the week for Montreal. Rev. Father Walsh will go to Toronto and Rev. Father Jackson will go to New Bedford, Mass.

Ontario Soldiers Inspected
London, Ont., Feb. 16.—The final inspection of the Eighteenth Battalion was made today by Colonel Denison of Toronto. Colonel Wigle was warmly complimented.

CHAMPION MAY BE HERE.
It is said that if the weather becomes more favorable for skating, an effort will be made to bring Russel Wheeler, of Montreal, international skating champion, to this city in the near future.

James Creelman Dead.
James Creelman, noted newspaperman, a native of New York, died on Feb. 12, in Berlin.

DEATHS
SEELY.—At his residence, Mt. Pleasant, on the morning of the 15th inst., after a short illness, Jacob J. Seely, aged seventy-four years, leaving a loving wife, two sons and three daughters to mourn.

Funeral on Wednesday, the 17th inst., from St. Paul's (Valley) church. Service begins at 8 o'clock. King and Country.

TITUS.—In this city, on the 16th inst., Kerena M. Titus, widow of the late Rev. John W. Titus, died at 2.30 o'clock.

Funeral from her late residence, 98 St. James street, on Thursday, 18th inst., at 2.30 o'clock.

WILCOX.—In the General Public Hospital, Feb. 15, 1915, Ralph Leulier, aged 3 months and 3 weeks, beloved only son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. P. Wilcox, 392 Duke street, west St. John. A sleep in Jesus.

CARDS OF THANKS
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ely, of 98 Chesley street, wish to thank their many friends for kindness and sympathy extended to them during their recent sad bereavement sustained by the loss of their little girl.

BEST STORY YET OF NAVAL FIGHT

Officer of The Kent Tells Of Falkland Islands Battle

GERMANS TRIED TO ESCAPE
The End of the Number—Eyes of Drowning Germans Pecked Out By Albatrosses—British Were "Keen as Mustard" For Their Work

(London Morning Post).
"The Battle of Cape Horn" is the name, in the opinion of an officer on His Majesty's ship Kent, by which the naval action of the Falkland Islands ought to be known to history. Some accounts of the battle have been already published, but none so comprehensively or so vivid as that which he sends to a relative, by whose permission we quote the following passages:—
The enemy rounded Port William to have a look into the harbor, it being their intention to bombard and take the town. As soon as they were sighted eight of our British ships they at once opened their guns and put to sea, belching forth smoke and doing their utmost to get away. We promptly steamed out, Kent leading, Glasgow next, the two battleships following, burning oil fuel, and the remainder—time was now 10 a. m. The enemy were steaming their utmost—our speed began to waver, but we were not to be deterred. At twenty-four knots, and we gradually overhauled them. It was a beautiful cloudless morning with a fair breeze, very cold, the sea seemed more blue than ever—a fair prospect for an engagement could not be conceived. Soon the battleships (ours) drew ahead of us, and as soon as they were near enough to the enemy the flagship fired now and then from her starboard twenty-inch gun to try the range—time was now 11.15 a. m. The shot went short, and others went fire until the range was found. All this time we were very much overhauling them, till eventually we were more or less in parallel courses and opposite or ahead each of his opposite number.

The Line of Battle.
This went on for I should imagine about twenty-five minutes, when they got sick of being pelted and not being able to return a shot, as they were not in a position to do so. The Scharnhorst and Gneisenau turned towards our battleships and opened quite a murderous fire from their eight-inch guns with great rapidity—all their firing was very rapid—an eight-inch gun can fire much more quickly than a twelve-inch gun. Their first shots went wide. At this point—time was about 1.40 p. m.—we went to action stations; up till now we had only been spectators and a few of us were watching it from the top of my fore turret. The action was not a single officer was wounded, and we were very lucky indeed. Having picked up as many men as we could, we shaped our course back to Port William, and arrived next day in disgusting weather at 2.30 p. m. to find that none of the others had returned.

A Wonderful Crew.
We were hit about twenty times on the starboard side, a few of the holes fairly big, but many were saved from the Gneisenau. The Good Hope and Monmouth are now amply repaired. Our men were as keen as mustard and worked their guns splendidly, considering that they were all reserved and obtained from all sorts of weird places. They were wonderful. The people here thank their stars that they happened to be here—otherwise they were certain to have been killed. The enemy certainly had the last surprise of their lives. None of our ships was seriously hit. I shall never forget what a splendid sight it was to watch our ships go into action. The Germans were game to the end and fought splendidly.

RED CROSS HELP FOR SERBIANS AND MONTENEGRINS
One of London Scottish Describes Delightful Experience—Shower, Shave, Clean Clothes, Then Tea and Cigarettes

London, Feb. 8 (Correspondence).—A description of the soldiers' monthly "official bath" is sent from the front by a member of a London Scottish Regiment:—"Yesterday we had a novel experience," he says. "As none of us had soap or warm water to take five weeks, we were ordered to take an official bath. We were taken to a town in the rear of our lines and escorted to a large building, where facilities had been arranged for the purpose. In the first room we were numbered off into squads of ten or so. In a second room we emptied our pockets and laid aside our boots, bonnets, puttees and spurs. In a third room we threw the rest of our clothes into a heap, and then made a double check to the showers. There were two men to each shower, and we were allowed ten minutes under the hot water with a generous supply of laundry soap. At the end of our ten minutes we were hurried on to a drying room, where each man got a huge towel as thick and rough as a carpet. Then we rushed to a dressing room where the attendant gave us anything we wanted in the way of brand new underwear, shirts and socks, while on hooks at one side were our clothes, which had been thoroughly fumigated. "After we had got back our bonnets, boots and other property, we were ushered into a room where a squad of barbers awaited us. When they were

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WANTED—Girl to do office work. Apply 28 Sydney. 2204-2-19
WANTED—Strong girl for housework. Apply Mrs. Wm. Evans, 108 St. James street. 2204-2-19
TO RENT—In Fairville, a small apartment of 4 rooms; House, for sale. Apply Dr. Maher, 527 Main street. If 2204-2-19
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TO LET—Lower Flat 77 Third Street, 6 rooms. Seen Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Apply on premises or telephone M. 2274-2204-2-19
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TO LET—Large Store; great business stand, in brick building, 638 Main street, now occupied by Wm. Lilley & Sons. James Gordon. 2202-2-17
WANTED—Self-contained flat, about 8 rooms; electric; modern improvements; rent not exceeding \$16 or \$18. Write Box 8, Times. 2202-2-23
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NEW FLAT TO LET, 181 Winslow street, near car track, six rooms and bath, hot water heating, concrete basement, electric lights; Phone W. 4-21. 2204-2-23
TO LET—Self contained house, 18 Peter street, containing 8 rooms and bath, hot water heating, electric light. Can be seen Tuesdays and Fridays. Apply 20 Peters. 2202-2-23
LOST—Feb. 15, between Queen Square and Robinson Building, by Charlotte and King, lady's gold hunting case with watch with fob attached. Finder please return 6 Queen Square. 2204-2-18

Killed in the use of the African troops and native police who form a portion of the force sent to the Congo. The hospital ship, named after Queen Alexandra, has been busy conveying the wounded soldiers from Duvyque to Boulogne and has for the last two weeks been engaged in conveying stores to those ports.

Another interesting item in the report is that the new Lady Hardinge hospital at Boulogne, which is in charge of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, has now some wounded Indian soldiers under its roof where they are being brought back to health.

The chief surgeon of the hospitals at St. Malo, in France, Doctor Hoesack, says that an enormous amount of work has been done in these institutions, both hospitals having been full of very serious cases.

Expeditious to Serbia and Montenegro, started from England on January 14 and arrived at Belgrade on January 15. The Serbian Relief fund was started at short notice and this fund has collected a large amount of comforts and money for the relief of the stricken people.

Alady Paget left England a few months ago with several trained nurses and arrived safely at Nish, where she and her assistants have been doing excellent work among the wounded Serbians and the non-combatants, who have been cruelly treated by the Austrians.

The treasurer of the Serbian Relief Fund is Sir Edward Boyle Bart., to whom subscriptions may be sent to 88 Queen's Gate, London, S. W., England. The plight of the Serbians is too awful to describe, and while Belgium has been assisted in every way, little Serbia has been greatly neglected.

All gifts in money or comforts, etc., should be sent to the secretaries of the provincial branches. These will also be received at the headquarters of the society at 77 King street East, Toronto. Tobacco, cigarettes, cigars, and pipes will be warmly welcomed at headquarters. These comforts are more than appreciated by the soldiers and are needed in England large consignments of "smokes" have been sent to the trenches. Lately the gifts of cigarettes, etc., have fallen off and the public is asked not to forget the soldiers in this respect.

Song of the Married Man
(Los Angeles Express.)
Oh, life is full of wondrous joys—
Of sweetness, love, that never cloy—
And likewise full of girls and boys—
For married men, for married men!
A married man knows naught of strife
He is as friendly with his wife
As is the fork with the knife—
O married men! Glad married men!

A married man knows naught but bliss
Dane fortune woe him with a kiss
And nothing ever goes amiss
With married men! Who? Married men!
Yes, married men are ever glad,
For they have naught to make them sad,
And they are never, never bad—
Not married men! Yes, married men!

Whose temper ever calm and sweet
Who hast no corrus upon his feet
Whose life is joyous? Repeat,
The married man! All married men!
The married man has not a care,
No burdens doth he ever bear,
O bachelor, come to the snare—
It is not set for married men!

Hon. Martin Burrell will leave Ottawa tomorrow to open the Canadian building at the Panama Exposition.

RECIPE TO CLEAR A PIMPLY SKIN

Pimples are Impurities Seeking an Outlet Through Skin Pores

Pimples, sores and boils usually result from toxins, poisons and impurities which are generated in the bowels and then absorbed into the blood through the very ducts which should absorb only nourishment to sustain the body. It is the function of the kidneys to filter impurities from the blood and cast them out in the form of urine, but in many instances the bowels create more toxins and impurities than the kidneys can eliminate, then the blood sends the skin pores as the next best means of getting rid of these impurities which then break out all over the skin in the form of pimples.

The surest way to clear the skin of these eruptions, says a noted authority, is to get from any pharmacy about four ounces of Jad Salts and take a tablespoonful in a glass of hot water each morning before breakfast for one week. This will prevent the formation of toxins in the bowels. It also stimulates the kidneys to normal activity, thus causing them to filter the blood of impurities and clearing the skin of pimples.

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PERSONALS

Frank X. Jennings, of the artillery at Fredericton, arrived in the city last night. Mrs. Roy C. Bastin (nee Wheelley), will receive her friends on Thursday afternoon and evening next, for the first time since her departure for the United States, at her home, 183 Paradise row.

Friends of Miss Christina O'Neill of Adelaide street will be pleased to know that an improvement in her condition is noted.

J. K. Scammell and Sanford W. Scammell, of Fredericton are in the city today.

Angus McFadden of Bathurst is at the Royal hotel.

WHEN ST. PATRICK'S DAY WAS OBSERVED IN MAY

A cutting from The London Times of 1776, which has been sent to The Globe, records an interesting episode in the defence of Quebec. Two-thirds of the sailors who defended that stronghold were Irish, and while the siege lasted they abstained from all intoxicating drink. As the feast of their patron saint approached, the hope was entertained by the enemy that the Irish sailors would be intoxicated by something stronger than the exuberance of their native spirits. To defeat these expectations, Lieut. Col. McLean paraded the Irish sailors and gained their unanimous consent to postpone the celebration of St. Patrick's Day to the 17th of May, by which time it was anticipated reinforcements from Great Britain would have arrived. The following orders of the day were accordingly posted on their respective dates:—

Quebec, March 16, 1776. Order by Colonel McLean, with the General's consent, that St. Patrick's Day be changed from the 17th March to the 17th May next.

Quebec, May 16, 1776. Ordered, by the approbation of the general, that the sons of St. Patrick do meet Col. McLean on the parade tomorrow, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon, to drink grog.

The Irish still keep St. Patrick's Day, and continue to play their part in the defence of the Empire. Should the necessity once more arise, the Irish soldiers and sailors will be found at their posts on the approaching St. Patrick's Day, as of yore, postponing the celebration to a more convenient season of the ancient rite of the drowning of the shamrock.

THE STEAMERS

The steamer Inishowen Head arrived at Belfast yesterday from St. John. She will sail for this port again on the 22nd. The steamer Bengora Head will leave Belfast for St. John on the 26th. The Manchester Port left Manchester Saturday for St. John.

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