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The Causes and the Progress of the **Great War**

Being a Lecture delivered by His Excellency Sir Walter Edward Davidson, K. C. M. G., Governor of Newfoundland.

(Continued) But, mark it well, it is the champion ing of justice and the protection of the weak and the oppressed -in her oldfashioned way-by Great Britain which has secured the isolation of Germany and will, in the end, humble the pride of her over bearing soldiery The Germans know it well, in their in most hearts. I have read nothing more pathetic in its tragedy than the hysterical outburst of the German Chancellor when the firm attitude of Great Britain was communicated to him by our Ambassador. The story o the interview is recorded by our Ampassador and is published; it tells how the Chancellor incoherently stormed for an hour in his uncontrollable rage. He knew that he-a mere nobody in Prussian eyes-had been raised to be the puppet-Chanceller of the German Empire merely because he could talk English like an Englishman, and was expected to fool the English public with fair words while the engine of destruction was getting up steam. The ealm, the natural, the upright attitude of England-which he had not the true knowledge to foresee-was, he well knew, his death-warrant as a states-

vents is written. As to the conduct in this affair of hose who govern Great Britain and who guide the policy of the British Empire, I cannot do better than quote the judgment of Mr. Theodore Roosevelt, who represents in these words feeling of the great Republic, and

man, and the black seal of infamy

would be branded on his name by

posterity when the calm history of the

Emperor. He says:-As for England 'when once Belgium was invaded, every circumstance of national honor and interest forced England to act precisely as she did act. She could not hold up her head among he Nations had she acted otherwise.' This passage is very near the sumning up of history when these stirring m prejudice. Of Mr. Rooseveltere is his portrait on the wall given recognition of Grenfell's good work or mankind-all the world agrees in admiration of his manliness. I would he were an Englishman.

And so the War began. Its outstanding feature is a proof that the Germans had much reason for trusting their Army and its organization. Their troops-after a trifling setback before Liege from the gallant Belgians swept through Belgium from end to end and passed like a mountain torrent through the north of France even to the gates of Paris. Nothing could stay their determined onslaught. Fortified places were devastated and taken, the armies of Belgium and France were little Army of England which held in number, without being crushed or deish. Although enveloped on both flanks by five German Army corps and the enemy back all through a week of the most difficult fighting of all: a retreat before superior numbers. They fought at Mons on August 23rd, then at Valenciennes on the 24th, then at Cambrai Le Cateau and Landrecies on

he 25th. (It was at Landrecies where ffrey Feilding in command of a talion of the Guards greatly disjut ned hanself), then at Peronne Guise on the 28th, later at Com-

ie ane on the 28th. At length, the word went out that the French and British would stand and give battle on the line of the River Marne, extending from Paris on the westward nearly to Toul on the eastward; and the German armies dashed o the attack. But they failed to win hrough. Not only that but they were hemselves attacked on their western dark and compelled to yield ground; and at last, after fighting from Sepember 6th to September 14th they rereated some thirty miles and enrenched themselves on the line of the iver Aisse and were themselves at-

Don't Persecute vour Bowels tion with no name; Cut out catharties and purgatives. They are brutal-harsh-unnecessary. Try nation all the same; CARTER'S LITTLE

tacked. In the battle on the Marne the British troops again proved their fighting value, and it is a pride to us Tis the true love of these mother that the German retreat was first commenced between Meaux and Chateau Thierry where the British pressed

home their advantage. Now the battle on the River Aisne which began on September 18th shows signs of ending. Again it is at the point where the British are that the Germans have shown the first signs of yielding ground; and from Soissons to Craonne the British have been making headway since October 5th. Strategists have long ago named this particular front on the River Aisne as the battlefield on which the destination of France would be decided. I hope and trust that on this historic ground (for it was here that Napoleon fought his finest defensive pampaign in 1814) that the salvation of France will be found and that the defeat of Germany will

On the Russian side, the Germans have made good the defence of East Prussia. The Austrians have, as usual, been defeated, but the line of battle is now formed in Russian Poland, on the who has himself been in former times of Germany and Austria may capture the intimate associate of the German Warsaw, but I am sure that they cannot win a decisive battle this year, and I think that they may be disastrously defeated.

But the aspect of the battle has greatly changed during these twenty days. The German line on September 18th, from west to east, lay from Noyon on the Oise, through Soissons, Craonne, Rheims, Vernou, Varennes, vents can be reviewed with freedom Montfaucon, to the River Meuse. On their right they have been pushed back, and on their left they have gained ground; but the principal feature has been the attempt of the Allies fell incessantly. again to turn their western flank. First, the French pushed up to Roye, Ham and Peronne, but the Germans faced them resolutely on this new line, and as the French extended their lines further north, the Germans have faced them anew as far north as Arras and Lille, and to the Belgian frontier, and almost to the sea. So in addition to a front of 100 miles from west to east, they are now fighting also on a new line at right angles from Noyon, on the western end, for another eighty miles from south to north.

(To be Continued)

The Kyle Back

From Labrador S. S. Kyle, Capt. Burgess, arrived from Labrador ports at 9.30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 20th, having been over two weeks on the trip. The steamer went as far north as Cartwright, and conditions were such that the ship had te be 'eased' along in entering into the different harbers, owing to snow furries, and sometimes snow storms. From Battle Harbor north Capt. Burgess says that winter is evident, that all the hills were covered with snow, and that the lakes near the sea coast have frozen ever. All the liviers, however, are still on the coast but will retire inland after the last call of the coastal steamers. The Kyle brought along about 150 passengers landed in Conception Bay.

Loathsome Indeed

(The People.) We think that amongst most New-

foundlanders outside of St. John's there is a great lack of knowledge as to the causes of the stupendous war which is now devastating Europe and into which our Empire has entered. There are some of us, we believe, so innocent that they have an idea that the Morris Government is somehow at the bottom of it and that it has been all a part of our local politics. It is pitiful even to have to state that such a helief could be held by anyone when everyone should know that Newfoundland or politicians has no more to do with the war than the sparables in our boot seles. The war, as far as Britain is concerned, is our Empire's war for honor and justice, for the support of the weak against the strong, for the help of our friends and for the upholding of the sacredness of treaties. Anyone that tries to impose upon a simple minded and easily led people any other Medicine Co. (confiview is a traiter to his country, for he dential) Lynn, Mass. s destroying in the people the very Your letter will be basis upon which patriotism is built. opened, read and [No language could be too strong to answered by a woreprobate such conduct. It is abso. man and held in

In the anguish of the conflict is a na-With no frontier, with no ruler, but

Tis a nationhood of mothers, welded by invisible ties, Who are weeping now and mourning

for their loved ones, for their boys. There are mothers, yea, in thousands who are carrying in their breasts; uffering in silent agony that deep pang which never rests;

Mothers weeping now like Rachel for their children slain, Mourning now for leved and lost one who will n'er return again, 'ears are many, but of sorrow 'tis the

very very same, Whether it be shed in Warsaw, Paris, Hondon or Louvain Human links 'tween nations broken, one there is that still holds fast.

that will ever ever last. When a country asks a mother for the service of her son;

Thether it be France or Britain whether Russia, or 'the Hun,' t has asked for something dearer than her own life, and what's more, Would she not freely give it rather than the sen she bore.

For the valiant deed there's peace, but for the mother there is grief: Others may forget their sorrow but for her there's no relief. and yet these British* mothers in urgent voice and low,

hen their country's voice is pleading to their sons the word is 'Go'. Shall we not in humble reverence, and

with boundless gratitude, 'ay a tribute and a teken to a nation's motherhood? vain they do not suffer if that suffering brings release,

And enables to establish long an

*What is true of the British mother

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