

ENGLAND'S NAVAL BASES STRENGTHENED FOR WAR

Former Wars With France Caused West Coast to be Fortified But New Emergency Attracted Attention to Scotland's Eastern Shores.

In his speech at Dundee, the other day, the First Lord of the Admiralty reminded the nation that, owing to changes in the political and international situation, our strategic front had changed. This involves the development of the resources on the East Coast. During our long antagonism with France every harbor and inlet on the South Coast was adapted to the needs of the Fleet, and now, with the passage of time and events, the East Coast is assuming increasing importance.

The development of these new naval stations, concurrent with the accumulation of all classes of war craft in home waters, has been an outstanding feature of the policy of the Admiralty in recent years. The work associated with the creation of the great naval base at Rosyth dominates all operations of a similar character in modern times, and the project now being made for the accommodation of destroyers, torpedo-boats, and submarines at such places as Invergordon, Cromarty, Dunee, Scapa Flow, and Lamlash, is seen in broad outline the general scheme of the country's maritime defence.

Rosyth, with its 1,000 acres, the main station of all the ships of war operating on the East Coast of Scotland. The work connected with this great scheme, the most important Admiralty undertaking of recent years, proceeds apace, and but for labor troubles and ships in his Majesty's Navy, in spite of the interruptions due to labor disputes and the alterations in original plans, the contractors have reason to be satisfied with the progress made.

What is known as the Drednought basin is to the seaward of the graving docks harbor, and screened from the sea by a low concrete wall. The work of excavation is now making good progress. The construction of the outer wall of the dockyard and the entrance lock has been proceeding without interruption, but a road deal of work still remains to be done at this point. The sinking of the moorings of concrete, which will form the wall, is of itself a gigantic undertaking, but fully three-fourths of the number required for the erection of the sea-wall have already been placed in position, or are in various stages of completion. Those around the entrance lock are not so far advanced.

Extensive Dredging Operations.

Outside the dockyard the Admiralty are now engaged in the task of deepening the bed of the river, so that the biggest battleship afloat may have a safe access to the inner harbor. At hand, though further westward, the

Crombie Explosive Works are in an advanced stage. Additions are likely to be made to the original plans by the inclusion of a power station and laboratory.

At Cromarty and Invergordon there has been for some years past considerable naval activity. The Cromarty Firth has been found to provide good anchorage for the largest cruisers and battleships, and these are frequently seen in the vicinity, together with destroyer flotillas and submarines. Invergordon oil tanks for holding fuel are being built, and moorings have been laid for destroyers. The fuel station here is estimated to cost about £50,000.

At Dundee and St. Andrews Bay there has also been considerable naval activity. Up to within a few years the sight of a cruiser in St. Andrews Bay or a torpedo boat at Dundee harbor would have occasioned surprise; today they come and go without more than casual notice being taken of them. The establishment at Dundee is 12 submarines of the C class, two depot ships, and an attendant torpedo boat. It is not unlikely that a destroyer base will be established shortly at the capital of the Jute industry.

Aviation Stations.

While the Forth and the Tay are regarded as important strategic centres, the proposals to establish bases at Scapa Flow, in the Orkneys, and Lamlash, on the west coast, shows that the Admiralty are alive to the necessity of making provision for the defence of British interests at these points. At Scapa Flow, Admiralty officials made inspections recently of the islands of Grouard, Flodda, and Langholm, with the view, it is understood, of ascertaining their suitability for defensive works, and the presence of the destroyer flotilla in November last was taken as an indication that this part of the coast was being tested for the purpose of a navy base. In any case, it is highly probable that coal and oil stores will be erected at Scapa.

No outline of the defence of the East Coast of Scotland could be complete without a reference to the aviation centre established at Carlisle, in the Firth of Forth, where hydroplanes of the latest type are now to be seen. The latest type are now to be seen. The aviation centre, which is situated at the mouth of the Firth of Tay, a third at the entrance to the Clyde, and a fourth on the Solway Firth—London Daily Telegram.

MOST FASCINATING MODELS FOR FASHIONABLE DRESS

Large Numbers of Dainty Creations Lately Imported from Paris—Dance Frocks of Deep Salmon Pink Silk Net is Quintessence of Refinement.

New York, March 28.—The most fascinating models of party frocks fashioned of embroidered net, allover lace, chiffon or gauze, and trimmed with all variety of lace or ruse have been lately imported.

A Paquin model shows a foundation of white satin, over which is draped a tunic of white and silver gauze. Beneath this a deep ruche of embroidery on silver gauze was draped with pink floss. The tunic is outlined with pink satin roses placed very close together. The two sections of the bodice cross over surplus fashion in front and are bordered with a narrow plaiting of the silver gauze. Pilling in the low décolletage is a shirred chemise of plain silver gauze gathered at the top with a piece of narrow ribbon velvet. Two bands of the embroidered net pass over the shoulder and disappear beneath the girle of cherry-red velvet. The short puff sleeves are drawn about the arms with a band of the velvet.

Another charming model is of lace and geranium pink crepe de chine. The skirt front is formed of five flounces of maline lace, and over this is draped the geranium-pink crepe de chine, two points extending above the girle well into the bodice. The lace is arranged over the shoulders, forming a V-neckline. This is filled in with a chemise of folded maline. From beneath the lace sleeves extend under-sleeves of flesh-colored maline. Encircling the waist is a girle of softly folded panne velvet in a darker shade of geranium pink.

An elaborate sequin robe-mounted upon a pink satin-slip is a much admired creation of Drecoll's. A broad girle of pink satin is almost hidden beneath the loose-hanging bodice. A delicate pattern of maline lace covers the shoulders and forms the sleeves. This is bordered with sequins. The skirt is draped and shows a pointed train almost completely covered with the sequins. A dance frock which is the quintessence of refinement is made of deep salmon-pink silk net. The bodice is delightfully girlish, being arranged in soft gathers across the front. A frill of net outlines the décolletage and is caught up in front with a bouquet of roses made of silver tulle and pink satin.

The painters are a graceful commingling of the net and pink satin ribbons, all adorned with the old-fashioned bouquets. From beneath these the skirt of net hangs in straight folds over its lining of pale pink satin.

ADRIATIC TO GO ON LIVERPOOL SERVICE

New York, N. Y., March 28.—The steamer Adriatic arrived this afternoon from Liverpool.

MISSIONARY'S WIFE WHO FLED WITH A BURGLAR



MRS. N. K. CLARKSON

Seized by the Milwaukee police and held without a warrant, Mrs. Mabel Clarkson was checked there in her proposed flight to her five children in Chicago. There is no charge against Mrs. Clarkson there, and as soon as the local police are advised by the San Francisco and Chicago detectives that she is not sought the repentant wife of N. K. Clarkson, a Chicago missionary, will be set free to finish her journey to home and forgiveness.

Mrs. Clarkson fled with Owen D. John, a burglar now under arrest in San Francisco.

Mrs. Clarkson says she has not been leading a gay life since she left Chicago. She has worked all the time, except for the two weeks when she was in Omaha, and she has been keeping the most menial tasks to keep herself in sufficient funds to supply or meagre wants.

GOOD BUSINESS OUTLOOK IN LUMBER INDUSTRY.

(Chatham Gazette.)

W. B. Snowball who has just returned from his annual trip to England says that business conditions in the old country were never better and buyers in some cases have made contracts ahead to 1914 in order to secure delivery to their goods. So far as lumber conditions were concerned, he stated that these were good, but that the competition of Russia and Riga lumber was becoming keener every year. During January of this year the sale of the pulp mill would take place this time. He knew the gentleman, Mr. Kilgour, who held the option, and he looked to see the bank's efforts turn out successfully.

UNUSUAL CEREMONY IN N. S. LEGISLATURE.

Halifax, March 26.—An interesting ceremony will take place at the House of Assembly tomorrow when Dr. Chas. F. Fraser, of the Halifax school for the blind, will be presented with a resolution of appreciation. The directors of the school for the blind, and Miss Fraser, brother of Dr. Fraser, have been invited to take seats on the floor of the House.

(Charlottetown Guardian.)

Robert Fennell, Miss Fennell, and Mrs. Wright, Charlottetown, had quite an exciting experience while sailing from Philadelphia to Savannah on the steamer Dorchester, during the recent storm in the south. The steamer was wrecked and was obliged to put into Norfolk, Va., for shelter.

FREDERICTON BANK

CLERK ADVANCED.

Fredericton, March 26.—W. A. Tuoker, who has been paying teller at the Bank of Nova Scotia, since its amalgamation, received notice today of his transfer to the general offices at Toronto, and will leave for there tomorrow night.

He has taken a prominent part in musical circles while in the city and his removal will be generally regretted. Clive Fugh was probably succeeded him as teller at the Bank of Nova Scotia here.

Don't Diet Yourself

TO DEATH TO CURE DYSPEPSIA OR INDIGESTION. IT ISN'T NECESSARY.

While it is necessary for the dyspeptic to abstain from rich, greasy, highly seasoned food, it is useless and injurious to deprive the sufferer of a full supply of good nutritious food essential for the inside of the body.

Weakness of the body will never remove dyspepsia, on the contrary, all efforts must be to maintain and increase the strength.

Burdock Blood Bitters will increase the strength, and at the same time enable one to partake of all the wholesome food required, without fear of any unpleasant after results.

Miss Martha A. Brooks, Gagetown, N.B., writes: "I have been troubled with indigestion for more than seven years, have tried several doctors and different medicines, claiming the power to cure, but all without success. Having heard of the many cures effected by Burdock Blood Bitters, I decided to give it a trial. I have taken only one bottle, and that one has done me more good than all the other medicines I have used. My appetite, which was very poor, is now good, and I can eat most everything without any disagreeable feelings."

Burdock Blood Bitters is manufactured only by The S. Williams Co., Lowell, Mass., U.S.A.

KENTUCKY HUNTER GRAVES AN AFRICAN HUNTING TRIP

Goes on Safari to Mombassa, then to Nairobi and Ntebbe and Up Country—He is Grounded in Taxidermy, Ornithology, and, of Course, Scientific Photography and Lore of Guns

New York, March 25.—Although he doesn't call himself a disciple of the "Modern Nimrod," Brent Altscheler, of Louisville, Ky., is going to follow directly in the footsteps of the "Nightmare Hunter of Them All" into the railroad-traversed wastes of Central Africa. Altscheler is in New York at present, making the final preparations for his trip before he sails for Naples aboard the Berlin on the 29th of this month, and today he told something of his plans. He is no tyro, is Altscheler. He has tracked and hunted the game of North America in every part of the continent, North and South. And since there are no further fields to conquer at home, he is setting out for the last refuge of the wild things, the vast stretches of jungle, plain, and mountain surrounding the headwaters of the Congo and the Nile.

Slight, lean, and soft-spoken, about forty-five years of age, the Kentucky hunter looks what he is, a man used to outdoor exercises. As for his shooting, well, in Kentucky, where almost any youngster of twelve can drop a crow at fifty yards with Dad's oldest Winchester, Altscheler is looked upon as something of an expert.

All his life, he says, he has been dreaming and planning a journey to Africa, reading every book he could get his hands on that would contribute to his knowledge of African life and physical conditions, "bonning" at primers of Swahili, Bantu, and other dialects, talking with such men as he met who had been up-country from Mombassa, Zanzibar, or the other bases of explorers and hunters. In Louisville they think he is a second Selous, and have elected him president of the local museum.

In Stanley's Steps.

Like a great many other men who crave adventure, he has spent years dreaming of a time to come when he would have his chance, and follow the jungle trails that had been worn by the feet of Speke, Stanley, Livingstone, Rogers the elephant-poacher, and generations of Arab slave-traders before them.

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cut out all luxuries, they will not be numerous. I shall land at Mombassa and from there I shall go at once up into the interior, to Nairobi or Ntebbe. But I think I shall then spend some time looking around and familiarizing myself with conditions before I start on safari.

"I have been commissioned by the Field Museum of Chicago to send them as many specimens as I can get, but while they will pay the cost of transportation of such specimens, I am bearing the charges of the expedition myself. To be sure, I don't expect to see or accomplish anything that has not been seen or done already, but I do hope to make some observations that have not been made by Americans at any rate.

"For instance, I am very anxious to get some okapi. Of the forty or fifty specimens which have come from Africa since the animal's discovery by Sir Harry Johnston, I believe that no American has ever seen a wild okapi, and few Europeans can claim the distinction. In fact, most of the specimens which have reached civilization were killed by natives.

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"Other rare animals which the Field Museum wants me to get are the white rhino and the bongo. The museum is especially anxious to get the white rhino, and I shall use every endeavor to get at least one of these pachyderms in going after such creatures I expect to get far from the beaten track of shooting parties, ranging especially in the Belgian Congo and the bog tract of wild territory called the Lado Enclave, but I also expect to hunt in German East Africa, Uganda, Nigeria, and the whole central territory between two degrees north of the equator and about five degrees south.

"Contrary to the general opinion this country is not essentially unhealthy, although it is very hot. I expect to conform as nearly as possible to the native ways of living. I shall not eat any salt or sugar to induce thirst; I shall eat all stimulants, even tea and coffee and I shall eat very little meat. Also I shall not use quinine, although I am aware that almost all white men have to take it. As a matter of fact, however, I am not taking

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"I think these will be sufficient for all purposes. I am going to hunt for game, and do not anticipate any trouble with the native tribes. As I understand it, they are perfectly willing to let any one alone who lets them alone. "I also am taking along a complete photographic outfit with two cameras; 800 plates and my own developing apparatus. Besides this, I shall carry chemicals and tools for preserving the skins of animals and birds that I may kill. I have had considerable experience in such matters, and am not worrying about my ability along such lines.

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