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THE BLOCKADE.

HE EFFECTIVENESS of the British blockade is beginning to show itself. Prices in Germany have gone up generally 98 per cent and in Austria 112 per cent according to German statistics

The Berliner Tageblatt of November 21, 1915, published a table showing a number of manufacturing and financial firms and the decline in their annual The National Bank has from 16 to 8, the Badische Anilinfabrik (dyes) from 28 to 19, the Mechanische DRAWING TRUER THAN HE Weberei Linden (textiles) from 20 to 5, etc. These losses to shareholders are laid to the blockade on two grounds: portation has been largely stopped.

ing to German industries. The Vossische Zeitung (March 16, 1916), complains that the supply of Danish potatoes has been entirely cut off by Great Britain's Danish agreefor potatoes is excessive, because of the shortage in other articles of food and fodder, says the Prussian minister | pipe. of agriculture. Sugar also is scarce and soap has gone up in general from about 4 cents to 42 cents a pound.

of 1915, the present year will be crush-

foreign office and prize courts managed a problem full of difficulties with great point of squeezing Germany, but the diplomacy dealing with American, Dutch and Swedish complaints has been most tactful. The longer this blockade goes on, the darker the future prospects of German commerce.

A DOUBLE PLIGHT. AN Germany again save her Hapsburg ally from the claws of the bear? Russia is reaching for the great encement of the war. Soon, unless a launched, she may be scrambling over pathians to menace Hungary. The success of the present attack indicates that Austria is demoralized as to be impotent effect upon Germany, the master of and trick of the war trade in order to get to the aid of her stricken partner. The only method of meeting the Russian the 700-mile front. But in order to acsufficient strength to cope with an army very evident victories over and losses cent progress.

TILLS AND TRUSTS.

scored against the Austrians.

Perhaps it would have been as well for Judge Duff in referring to "the till" and Mr. Allison to say what till. It wasn't the Canadian till .- Ottawa Journal.

HE shell committee was the till and for that matter a Canadian It contained British money, however, wherein it differed from a till whose only trust is the cash of its

What sort of bank would it be which took a certain sum in trust and permitted friends to help themselves? Not as honorable an institution as one which kept a watch on all funds, but an especial guard over the funds given in trust.

The millions sent by Britain to Canquest for a stimulant to Canadian in- band. It must have been a whale of an dustry. They were given into the army. hands of the committee appointed by the Government in the belief that the funds would be honestly expended, and

that there would be no till-tapping. The question of "tills" came up at the last session of the Meredith-Duff inquiry when counsel for Allison main- Americans are essentially a pagan na-

part of his client had occurred. The where. following exchange then occurred: Justice Duff .- As the confiden

tial agent of the minister of militia.

he put his hand in the till and took \$250,000.

Mr. Henderson.-That is a strong expression. Justice Duff .- I know, and I intend it to be strong. Although he got all that money his name was not on the contract. I am not concerned about the names of others.

It is the principle. Mr. Henderson .- You use the expression of a man in an official position. I cannot accept that Allison occupied an official position for the Government of Canada. Justice Duff .-- You can take his own evidence.

Mr. Henderson argued that Allison was a broker and known by Gen. Hughes to be in that business, and known by Gen, Hughes to be taking a commission on business done for the British Government, or for them through the shell com-mittee. There was no suggestion that he ever repudlated the taking of commission in regard to this contract, though he told Gen. Bertram and Col. Carnegie that he was anxious to oblige the shell committee. "I know you want to be charitable," he said.

Justice Duff.—There is a little incident that shows the feeling towards war contractors. Gen. Picton threatened to shoot a war contractor, and the latter complained

to the Duke of Wellington. The Duke replied: "Picton is just the man to keep his word." Mr. Henderson .-- Can we get along without war contractors?

Justice Duff.—We can try to

There are scores of honest war contractors in Canada, and it is the desire of all that the crooked among them should be weeded out and pundropped from 6 per cent to 0, the Mit- their author is commended for having compared to a Belgian, who should telrheinische Bank from 61/2 to 0, the had the courage to bring them forward argue to justify the invaders of his Bochumer Bergwerk (mines), from 10 by at least one Conservative paper, the country. There is no such Belgian, so to 0, the Magdeburger Bergwerk from Montreal Mail. Let the good work far as yet heard of. But there are 38 to 22, the Alsen Cement Company of showing up the bad work go on.

KNEW.

GERMAN cartoon represents a hideous John Bull sitting heav-(1) Raw materials necessary to manu- ily upon Greece, whose neck he enfacture have been cut off. (2) Ex- circles with a thumb and one finger. The "British" ogre shakes a fist in the If such was the case last year, when air, and with a wide-open mouth calls the blockade only started in the spring upon all to help him destroy "the Germans, the oppressors of small nations." Greece's face is like one of the ancient theatrical masks worn by Greek and Roman actors. The German hard to watch as two clocks in one cartoonist certainly did not mean it, household, each ticking its merry way but a mask is the right look of the on different schedules. Greek Government. Inside of that pained-looking mask is the serpent head of Constantine, who well deserves some present the weakness of Judge hard, thick, honest finger on his wind-

As for Bull himself, it is amusing that in trying to make him look supremely ugly and wicked, the German "artist" has given his features and head the the States. If they would only lock up effect of a cross between a gorilla and about 99 per cent of the actors in this a pursy German as he might look at place it would considerably reduce the and increasing success as to the main breakfast strafing the Canadians or reading the admission of his Government that the Lutzow had been sunk. American papers, most of the states- Gertrude." The dyer's hand is subdued to the color it works in, and so the cartoonist, Pretty, if you get it. trying to draw a particularly badlooking John Bull, had no model at high in strafing.

THE INSPIRING IKON.

HERE is an inclination to scoff on reading that the Russian relic fortresses of Galicia, and has captured "the ikon of the Vladimir," mother of Judge Hughes will not have as ardent with the same surety that God, was removed from its resting place characterized her swoop at the com- in the coronation cathedral and taken to the imperial field headquarters, fol- spouts 100,000,000 cubic feet a day, or counter-offensive can be prepared and lowing which began the great Russian advance which still continues. The relic is supposed to bring victory.

But who can say that the ikon had no part in bringing about these magnificent victories? We of Canada are a matbelieve that there is special virtue in images or other inanimate relics, yet there are scores of baseball players who have their lucky charms without which experts say, but those who practice it they feel they would be useless on the It may be necessary, in fact, it is prob- field. Even hard-headed businessmen able, that the attempt upon Verdun will often have a sneaking superstition which Germans and Austrians, the food probgoverns their actions.

Those who are entirely free of these ous counter-offensive at some point on and sneer at those who refuse to pass under ladders, eagerly pick up a pin on the street, have faith in horseshoes or now on. A two-fisted chap like front of a tremendous army and develop a rabbit's foot to bring luck and other-

Still, there may be something said for first-class condition. She may maintain any or all of these beliefs. If a man feels the possession of a certain article her maximum force to one of them, and will bring him good fortune, he gains a even the maximum may prove to be spirit of confidence which assists in too small to avail against an operation bringing about the desired result. The same holds good in the case of the ikon haustible foe after more than a year of Thousands of Russian soldiers firmly beintensive preparation. Germany will lieve its presence at headquarters pre- corset strings, and you'll feet better .crack through strain, perhaps. The sages victory, and that belief helps to Detroit Free Press. Russ is giving the Teuton a big situa- spur them on to confident gallantry tion in strategy, to say nothing of the which makes possible the wonderful re- the bold are not necessarily life's best

The ikon has its place in the victory is justified. To the less imaginative British troops its presence would probably be more of a hindrance than a help, but "east is east and west is west." and simply because we do not attach importance to this relic is no valid that has not yet arrived. Russians.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Wilson and Hughes are sons of ministers. But at times the presidency is no

Mystery surrounds the cost of making gasoline, also the method of making

Gen. Pershing reports the finishing ada were given in response to the re- blow has been given to Villa's largest

> If that Philadelphia lawyer is simple enough to believe Casement will be ac, traitor.

A San Francisco preacher declares tained that nothing illegitimate on the tion. He must have secured a job else-

> There would seem to be more patriotic promises than patriotic donations in

Montreal, and the former have little purhasing power.

Carranza is to be rebuked by Washngton for his insinuations. He is fairly safe mark on which to practic the haughty and lofty tone.

Von Tirpitz retires to his country estate, chuckling to think someone else has to search out ways of making the navy something more than a joke.

The Teutonic sons of America have pledged their support to Hughes. If this does not prevent his election in the United States, heaven help America.

plead that his extradition was wrong as an excuse for his crimes. The self-confessed spy is lucky to be allowed life.

Germans claim that a submarine sank the Hampshire. Had it been a passenger liner the presence of any Hun sub in that neighborhood would have been

Hon. J. J. Fov is another of the

'Whitney type" of Ontario cabinet minister to pass away. Sir James liked seasoned men, and did not seek to have a galaxy of intellectual gems set about him. He asked for good solid Conservatives, and Mr. Fov. with his personal charm of manner and lack of ostentation, served well his part for his na-

ished. The Kyte charges have been dreds of thousands, perhaps millions, of great service in this connection, and of hyphenate citizens, who may be plenty of American "citizens" who justify the Lusitania incident or the doings of Von Papen, Kalschmidt et al

MAIT A MINUTE! -By J. H. F

come out of the Meredith-Duff Commission. Nothing but a lot of evidence that bundles of coin have been tossed away.

A three-ring circus is not quite so The Democrats are going to

Hughes to the electors of the U S. A., paying especial attention to his whiskers.

There is a hospital for sick actors in indispositions of audiences.

men in that country have run to seed. "I Want to Be an Angel," is

Hughes and Col. J. Wesley Allison. There is one class of people that supporters-the barbers.

There is a gas well in Oklahoma that

There is going to be a film production of Romeo and Julier. There are plenty of persons who she overshadowed all the others about are strong for the kissing scene, provided and understood the smack will last through five level best to give her a good time dur-

Kissing is an insanitary practice, the are not worrying about their health.

If the Russians keep on capturing lem in the Central States will be solved There will be enough to go around among those remaining at home.

Col. Roosevelt says he will be a plain country gentleman from that cannot be confined to the pleasant pastime of feeding cows and raking hay. If there is a fight anywhere in the universe, T. R. will be in the neigh-

"I have my best clothes on; a card night?" case in my hand, and a pain in my heart."—Violet Hunt, in Poetry. Go back upstairs, Violet, and let out your

Life is a challenge to the bold, but little challengers.

After the various church conventions have resoluted themselves weary we will probably have a little time to figure out where is the most enjoyable spot

CHANGE THE TACTICS. "There's a tide," so Shakespeare tells time,"
us, "which taken at the flood," "you'd Will carry us along to sure success; It looks to me that now it is rising fast

If we'll labor hard and talk a little

We have men in the field who any odds will face, In fear they'll not turn back from So when the men who work at home prove honest, square and just,

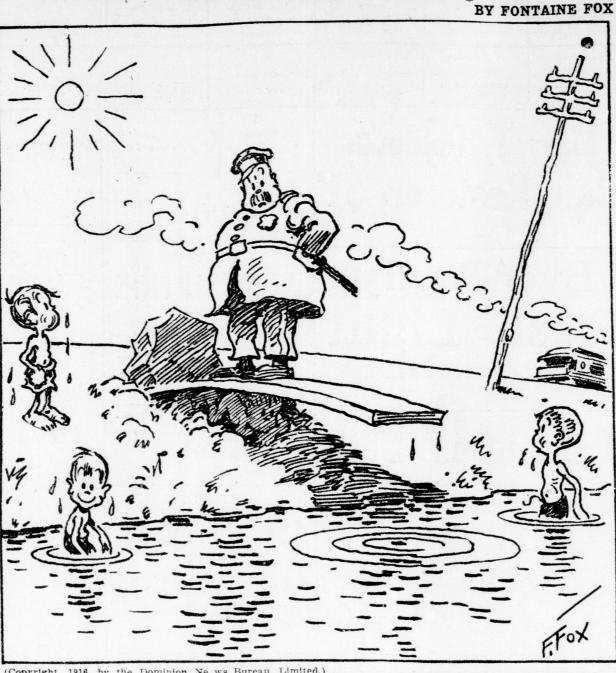
And keep the faith with all, both high When heads of all departments will select the men Whom they know have trained hands

and virile minds. That things with expedition and effi-And no supers be employed to draw the blinds,

we "rend hearts, not garments," and truly start aright. All pride and prejudice laying on the shelves.

We will stand, and we will triumph, the Lord will give us might-For he surely helps all those who help

'That's Funny! I Could a Swore I Seen One of Them Kids in There Without No Trunks Or Nothing On"



"You tell me the story first, and then

received a box of candy from White

"No, I haven't any old flames." He

"What did the girl say in the note?

"And you haven't seen her yet?"

"You haven't told me your name."

"My first name is Doris."

"Oh!" Shrimp's face registered dis-

had set my heart on your being Gert-

"And you thought I had sent you the

"This is my dance, Gertrude," he

"So it is! Good-bye, Mr. Black."

"Well, what do you know about

that?" Shrimp watched until Scudder

He waited patiently for the nine-

first name really is?" he asked,

Shrimp was silent for a time

'What do you want to know?" she

"Why did Bill call you Gertrude?"

"My name is Doris Gertrude Huntley."

"Well, the old codger!" Shrimp was

"Don't you think it would be a good

"If I sent it," Shrimp continued, "it

"Maybe you'd better bring it per-

'I'm glad your name is Gertrude."

She looked at him soberly.

first name is Doris."

"I surely am."

"Yes, you ought."

Shrimp's eyes beamed.

either shocked or surprised.

rude?"

chievously.

eart?"

candy?'

"Fine!"

might get lost."

the nineteenth dance," she added.

was a teasing light in her eyes.

appointment. "Honest Indian?"

"I had begun to hope so."

"You don't look so."

open door, saw them.

"Well, I'm sorry." She smiled.

to tell me your first name.'

dreadfully disappointed?"

'That she'd see me at the dance.'

maybe I'll solve the myst ry."

"An old flame, perhaps."

shook his head positively.

a wonderful dance, isn't it?"

"I don't know."

he reminded her.

them.

called.

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The Advertiser's Daily Short Story

The Matter of a Name

Two days before the junior promenade "Shrimp" Black received by mail a delicious box of home-made fudge. Inclosed in the box was a small piece of Plains. In it was a note from a girl lavender paper, on which were written named Gertrude." As we gather from the comments of the words: "I'll see you at the dance.

Shrimp frowned. He knew a good many girls, but for the life of him, he couldn't think of a single Gertrude among them. The package was posthand for his pencil but a fellow-Hun a happy little hymn new being marked White Plains, N. Y., but this warbled as a duet by Sir Sam made the mystery only more baffling. White Plains. However, he ate the candy with relish and resolved to ask the first name of every girl with whom | nasium.

he danced. At the house party preceding the 'prom," he examined the fair guests with unusual interest, wondering if by any possibility the one who had sent him the candy was among mem. Seated directly opposite him at the supper table was the prettiest girl he had ever seen. In Shrimp's estimation as a white rose would overshadow a bunch of dandelions. His heart went out to her, and he resolved to do his ing the week-end. He was glad that his own partner had disappointed him

at the last moment-it would leave rude.' him free to devote himself to the stranger. So directly after supper he candy?" presented himself for introduction "This is Miss Huntley, of White Plains," the chaperon announced. Shrimp's heart stood still. The blood

raced at double speed through his six feet two inches of manhood. "I'm delighted to meet you," he stammered. "I didn't know any one

was coming here from White Plains.' She smiled up at him. "Why not from White Plains?" asked. Shrimp couldn't quite decide

whether there was a twinkle in her "Oh, no reason at all." he assured her. Then he added, "I know a girl in told himself. White Plains. Her name is Gertrude.

"I don't suppose I've met her." There was a hint of mischief in Miss Huntley's voice. "Is she to be here to-"She-she rather expected to come." he admitted, uneasily.

"What's her last name?" Shrimp was certain now that she was laughing at him. "I don't know."

"What? You don't know?" "Yes, I actually don't." Shrimt smiled slightly at her too evident amazement. "Strange, isn't it?" "I should say it was. How do you explain it?" "I'll tell you all about it," he an-

ounced, "if you tell me your first But Shrimp was doomed to disapto spend the hot weather season pointment, for at that psychological

moment Bill Scudder, his roommate, appeared on the scene. "If you want to get to the dance on he advised Miss Huntley, "you'd better start getting dressed

"All right," she answered. hurry." And, flashing a bright smile at Shrimp, she was gone. "I always thought that Bill Scudder was a good fellow." Shrimp soliloquized to tease you." 'but now I'm a little doubtful." glance followed his roommate, who had silent for a moment, evidently debatgone to the spacious porch of the fra- ing the wisdom of his next move, but "I might ask him what finally he decided to plunge. "I ought ternity house. her name is," he thought suddenly. to pay you back for that candy," "But no." he concluded, "I'll make her tell me herself. I have a sneaking feeling that she's the Gertrude who

sent the candy." idea for me to give you a box in re-According to the established custom turn?" of roommates, Shrimp and Bill Scudder exchanged the second dance. "I believe we were talking aboun names when we were interrupted." Miss Huntley began, as soon as they sonally." whirled off together to the tune of

"Evelyn."

"You were going to tell me about that Gertrude, from White "I was," Shrimp answered, "but I've concluded not to do it until you

tell me your name." "We'll compromise!" She threw -The Old 'Un. | back her head and smiled up at him. NATION'S RESOURCES THE DECIDING FACTOR IN THE WORLD WAR

Not Merely a Struggle of Armies, Says Asquith.

"Two days ago," Shrimp began, "I SPEECH TO CONSTITUENTS

Premier Observes Thirtieth Anniversary of Election to Commons.

LADYBANK, Scotland, June 14 .- In observance of the thirtieth anniversary Shrimp's eyes questioned her. "What do you think?" of his election to the House of Com-"Oh! I think you've met her, all mons from East Fife, Premier Asright." She hummed softly. "This is quith today visited his constituency for the first time since the outbreak of The music stopped, and Shrimp ted the war, addressing a great meeting of his partner to the porch of the gym- his supporters, and many who in past years had been his opponents.

The premier made a touching reference to the death of Field Marshal "Did I promise to tell you?" There Earl Kitchener as "leaving a place in our constitutional life that none else "You fust bet you did. You promised can fill, and a memory that will live as long as the British Empire. "Well!" She hesitated and the music Lord Kitchener had bequeathed to the country an array of armies, said for the next dance floated out to the premier, and it was for the country to make the best use of these. In a survey of the situation, Premier Asquith declared that the Russian ad-"Honest and true." She looked at im with mock seriousness. "Are you vance was one of the most brilliant

feats of the war. French Valor Unsurpassed. "Yes." Shrimp spoke dejectedly. "I The Italians, he said, were making resistance to the Austrian onslaught which every day was becoming more effective. As for the French nothing could exceed the valor with which they were maintaining the defence of Verdun. Co-operation among the general staffs of the Allies was becoming more intimate and complete every Bill Scudder, glancing through the

British assistance had been offered Gen. Joffre and the steps which would be taken, were those dictated by sound She chuckled as she noted Shrimp's strategy.

"This war is not merely a struggle look of amazement. "I'll see you at of armies," the premier continued. "It is a struggle of material and economic resources and these will prove in the long run to be the deciding factors."

and the girl had disappeared. "Some The Naval Victory. one is having a lot of fun with me," he After speaking of the effectiveness of the navy's blockade Mr. Asquith said: "Owing to the rashness of the enemy we were allowed to see another teenth dance to come around. Ocasionally his eyes met those of Miss and more stirring dramatic aspect of Huntley's. In his was a question; in the navy's qualities a fortnight ago. hers, mocking amusement. But, fin- The naval action of May 31 was worthy of the best and more treasured tradially, the evening wore away, and he wind himself dancing with her again. tions of the British navy. The Ger-"Will you please tell me what your mans were driven back into their ports without so much as making an effort to grapple with the main body of our grand fleet, and had the temer-"On my honor," she answered, "my ity to claim what really was a route as a complete victory. A couple "Then why did Bill call you Gertsuch victories and there would be nothing left of the German navy worth "That's a secret." She smiled misspeaking about. The truth is slowly leaking out, and its full extent is not yet realized or appreciated. Our com-"You surely are having a good time teasing me," he said. mand of the seas, so far from being impaired, has been more firmly and unshakeably established." "Won't you please have a little

Irish Situation In reference to Ireland Mr. Asquith said the recent rioting, leading to the loss of many innocent lives, had created a situation which seemed to "Because that's what all my friends a majority of responsible Irishmen of all me." She hesitated a moment. all parties to call for a settlement. The nature of the relations between Great "Oh!" Shrimp's face cleared. "And Britain and Ireland exhibited a tragic are you the girl who sent me the series of missed or misused opportunities. "Don't let us add another "Yes. It was Bill's idea; he wanted to their number," said the premier. What he desired, he explained, was a provisional settlement, for when the war came to an end the country would have to take stock of its internal relations, the fabric of the Empire would have to be refashioned and relations between Great Britain and Ireland and the dominions would of necessity be brought into close and connected re-

> MORE GOLD FOR NEW YORK. NEW YORK, June 14. - The receipt today of an additional \$3,200,000 gold from Ottawa by J. P. Morgan & brings the total imports of that metal from Canada in the last five weeks to well above the \$50,000,000 mark.

"Next Tuesday night," he said, "Pll FRENCH JOURNALIST KILLED. take it to you in White Plains." She PARIS June 14 .- Jules Hedeman, a nodded. "And, he added, after a pause, prominent French journalist, has been killed at Verdun, where he was serv-When Bill Scudder came for the final ing in the French army as a lieutendance he found them smiling into each ant. While foreign editor of the Matin other's eyes. He did not seem to be he visited America in the spring



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NO POLITICAL BLACKMAIL

Attempts Must Stop, Says He, Referring to Hyphenated Operations.

WASHINGTON, June 14. dent Wilson charged that there foreign-born persons in United States who are trying to l kind of political blackmail on American political parties in the interest of foreign governments.

This, the president declared, must be stopped. He was sounding what some of his advisers said would be one of the issues of the coming presidential campaign.

NO SLACKERS FOR TEACHERS. CALGARY, Alta., June 14. - The Calgary school board decided last night ot to re-engage any members of its staff at the close of their engagement, ruitable age, and without valid reans for not enlisting. The chairman the board and the chief recruiting adges of their eligibility.

DIED AT 106. FREDERICTON, N. B., June 14. ed upon his 106th year, died during the

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