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Another Grave Empire Warning

By HANNEN SWAFFER.

Just ten years ago, a mighty
Armada, exactly like that
recently assembled at Spithead, was
gathered at Spithead for inspection by
the King—a fleet just as powerful, as
impressive, as costly, as magnificent.
Then Prince Louis of Battenburg—
or was it Winston Churchill?—gave
the order for the Fleet to sail. That
order settled the destinies of Europe.

Now, another Fleet is there, and,
before many hours have passed, that
one also will have sailed away, but
this time to be scattered across the
Empire's many seas.

Ten years have been wiped out of
our lives—ten years that seem, some-
times, a century, sometimes a few
months—ten years in which nearly a
million Britishers lost their lives, and
nearly another million were perma-
nently disabled, ten years, the
passing of which now finds over a
million unemployed in the country.

Yet the entanglements of war are not
yet straightened out, and the Empire
bleeds to death because its war
wounds have not yet been staunched.

It is consoling, turning up the files
of "The People" for that week, ten
years ago, to find a variety pro-
gramme at the Empire Theatre with
Georges Carpentier, beaten again last
Thursday, at the head of the bill; that
Hobb's batting average was 48.68,
and that Blythe, killed, alas! in the
war, was the top of the bowling aver-
ages; that a Housing Bill, even in
those days, was before the House of
Commons; that an M.P. was divorced
that week, an M.P. who has been di-
vorced again since, and been married
for a third time; that the Irish Con-
ference had failed at Buckingham
Palace, Civil War in Ireland being
expected in consequence; and that
Madame Caillaux was on trial for her
life, Madame Caillaux, wife of the
Pacificist French Premier, who has just
been pardoned by the French Govern-
ment as part of the Amnesty Bill.

It looks like the same paper, al-
most, with Carpentier, Caillaux, Civil
War in Ireland and a Naval Review,
all at the top of columns.

And now we are celebrating Peace
with a big exhibition at Wembley, and
there was a Pageant of Empire, in the
Stadium, to remind us of the past
glories on which the foundations of
the Empire were built.

We sat round a luncheon table in
the Savoy, recently, talking about the
pageant, thirty or forty newspaper
men, Brigadier-General Sir William
Furse, Lord Morris, once Premier of
Newfoundland, the Hon. F. Wade,
who represents British Columbia; Sir
Bourchier Wrey, who has spent forty-
five years in Rhodesia; Frank Lascelles,
the Pageant Master; Lord Steven-
son, for whom Wembley won a peer-
age, famous Imperialists, and just a
gathering of ordinary newspaper men.

Then, suddenly, there fell a bomb-
shell into the gathering that reminded
us, with terrible urgency, of the
things we face. For what does all this
Pageant of Empire mean unless, be-
hind it, there is something definite and
something constructive?

It was Lord Morris who started the
warning, unexpectedly, for he was
down merely to talk about the pageant
and to ask for its support. Instead,
speaking as a representative of the
Dominions, he warned the gathering
that the British Empire was on the
operating table, and that, unless
something was done which would
heal it, it might die.

You get urgent reminders, every
now and then, when these Dominion
people speak.

Then Mr. Wade uttered the second
warning. He is a big burly man from
the West, who has dared much in his
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"The loyalists who went over into
Canada in 1776 have remained loyal
all the time, withstanding the flood
from the South, living along the im-
aginary line that divides the States
from ourselves," he said. "And to-day,
those same loyalists earnestly hope to
preserve Canada for the Empire."

"But the Empire is now playing
with fire. In a short time, for all we
know, it may be something the pass-
ing of which we may merely regret."

And he told how, twenty years ago,
when he first came to England, there
was another pageant that he saw, the
Lord Mayor's show. In it Canada was
represented by a daisy on which arti-
ficial snow was made of cotton and on
which the population of Canada was
represented by an Indian on snow-
shoes, trying to climb up a tree to es-
cape from a pack of wolves! A few
years passed, and then a Canadian
Postmaster-General came here and
was walking with the Hon. Charles
Russell along the Strand.

"I wonder if they have heard of
Canada yet," said the Canadian.

And for a bet—something to be
given to a hospital—he walked up to
a man and said: "Do you know where
Canada is?"

"No, I haven't been very long on
this kerb," replied the man. "You had
better ask a policeman."

And then, going up to a flower-girl,
he said: "Are you familiar with Ot-
tawa?"

"Familiar with—who?" she replied.

"Go along, you big stiff—I'll smack
your face!"

"And still Canada is calling out for
reciprocity," said Mr. Wade. "Still
the cry goes on. We are trying to hold
Canada for the Empire; but our cry
remains unheard."

It was Sir Bourchier Wrey, who,
following, talked of our Southern
Dominions.

"England pays about £48,000,000 to
the United States for cotton every
year," he told me. "We grow cotton
in Rhodesia. Why can't you spend
some of the money with us?"

And he went on to tell the gather-
ing how he had just returned from the
Midland counties of England, through
which Lord and Lady Harrowby had
taken forty visitors from the Domin-
ions on a week's tour. They had gone
by motor cars and special trains,
stopping everywhere, seeing every-
thing.

"We interviewed mayors," he said,
"and we visited agricultural shows
and inspected collieries and glass
factories and workshops of every
kind; and all around us, clamouring
nearly all the time, were workmen
who said: 'Tell us about Empire. We
are sick of all this Communism. We
have been hoodwinked. Tell us of a
way in which we can get regular
work.'"

"I have a wife and four children,"
said one man, "and, if all this Em-
pire trade was used, our workshops
would be running all the time, and I
should be in regular employment. But
now I am on half-time."

And Sir Bourchier, speaking with a
direct earnestness, said this was the
message he brought from the country
places and the manufacturing towns.

"You Englishmen organized so
splendidly for war," he said. "Why
can't you organize for peace? A few
years ago England was the manu-
facturing centre of the world. Now Ger-
many and America are worshipping
efficiency; yet, in England, it looks
like as though you are paying inter-
est out of capital and living on doles
which cannot go on year after year."

I mention what happened at this
gathering because, behind Wembley,
this sort of talk is going on, between
themselves, every time people from
the Dominions meet. Sometimes,
angrily, almost, they blurt it out when
you are there.

You hear criticism of this country
that is embarrassing and painful. You
try to tell them of the sacrifices this
country made in the war, and how,
for years it has borne the great bur-
den of Empire on its shoulders.

"But why don't you use us?" they
reply.

"I was in Northern British Colum-
bia not long ago," said Mr. Wade,
"and settlers were there, working
hard on their farms knee deep, almost
in produce, but saying, 'Where are
those 30,000 land girls you promised
us?' and there was scarcely a wo-
man for miles."

And Mr. Wade told me how one
Englishman had been preaching Em-
pire food in the country villages of
England, and how in consequence
wholesalers had had to alter all their
orders and deal in Empire products,
but that this was only a small thing
compared with what could be done.

And he went on to say how American
capitalists met frequently in New
York to take stock of Canadian re-
sources and fleet companies to exploit
them, but how an exhibition planned
for Vancouver in 1924 was being de-
nied by our biggest English firms,
and how the States were growing
nearer and nearer every day, and how
England was slipping further and
further away.

Yes, this Pageant will tell you of
the sacrifices made in past years, and
the heroic deeds performed, and re-
mind you of the way in which the Em-
pire was built up. But, now, it is pass-
ing away under your very eyes, and
you do not know.

"We can grow 65 percent. of all
the things the Empire wants in the
Empire itself," said Sir Bourchier
Wrey. "We do not want to rely on
anybody else. And yet you are buying

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This sort of discussion is distur-
bing at a newspaper lunch, where men
are assembled from Free Trade pa-
pers and from the Radical Press, and
where they expect to be told merely
about the stories of the Pageant and
how best they can encourage people
to go.

It was embarrassing to sit there and

hear these three Empire leaders, one
after the other, utter their grave
warnings. These warnings are fre-
quently uttered; but they never get
reported. Not a word appeared in the
newspapers. But this is usually the
case.

Ten years ago we had been warned
for years about a war with Germany;
and under our eyes at Spithead we saw

for the last time that great Fleet, now
partly sunken, nearly all scrapped.
That Fleet has served its purpose and
the liberties it was built to safeguard
have been ensured.

But now there is another Fleet and
another warning, only ten years after-
wards. Empire men go to Wembley
by the dozen; they sell their goods and
they reflect on the mightiness of the

thing of which they are a part,
every now and then, they stand
indignantly and almost shout a
warning in ears that seem dead.
People, July 27.

Vocal Training for Theological Students

LONDON.—(Con. Press).—"He
hath yaks to yah, let him yah,"
late Archbishop of Canterbury,
Temple, once furnished this as
illustration of the manner in which
so many of the clergy peruse the
language of the Bible and of the
prayer. Largely owing to the pa-
pers of the present Archbishop of Can-
terbury, Dr. Randall Thomas Duffell,
and of the Bishop of Chichester,
Burrows, teaching in voice pro-
duction, in certain Anglican theological
leges here will be available next
month.

A sum of 2,000 pounds has been
raised, and with the support of
Archbishops, efforts are being
made to add to this, and so to form a
fund sufficient for the payment of
a competent teacher. His duty
will be to keep in touch with the the-
ological colleges, to train ordinands
there in the right production and
management of the voice, and es-
pecially to train others to teach elocution
and singing. The Archbishop of
Canterbury once declared that "such
training ought to be an essential part of
preparation of clergy for their
red calling."

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your ticket for to-night's Casino
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Lloyds Gives out Marine Disasters of Year 1923

LONDON, Aug. 30 (A.P.).—An
official return of world shipping disas-
ters during the year 1923, issued by the
Register of Shipping, shows that
casualties during the year numbered
466, of which 324, representing a ton-
nage of 494,354 gross tons, were steam-
ships and motorships and 142 sailers, re-
sulting in 22,208 deaths.

In the steamer and motorship
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burnt, 29 burnt, ten abandoned, and
one lost.

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