

END OF GERMANY AS A NAVAL POWER

EDINBURGH, Thursday, November 21, 8 P.M.—Germany as a naval power ceased to exist today. The heart of her mighty fleet—fourteen ships of the line, seven light cruisers, and fifty destroyers—surrendered to an armada of British, American, and French vessels, the greatest fighting force that ever stood out to sea.

The minutely detailed programme of submission laid down by the commander of the British fleet was carried out strictly according to plan. The German warships, strung out in a single column, almost twenty miles long, appeared at the rendezvous at the appointed time and were led into the Firth of Forth between twin columns of Allied ships, which overlapped the Germans at each end. Tonight the enemy craft are anchored in the Firth, under guard as prisoners.

Admiral Beatty's signal, after the German fleet had been moored at the appointed place, was: "The German flag is to be hauled down at 3.57, and is not to be hoisted again without permission."

A surrender on such a gigantic scale has no precedent in naval history. Although the wonderful naval spectacle was the same as a peace review and evoked little enthusiasm, the haze blotting out the horizon, American and British officers could scarcely credit the evidence of their eyes. It was an event which shattered all naval traditions and ideals. Men animated by the spirit of Lawrence's "Don't give up the ship" and Nelson's "England expects every man to do his duty" could not conceive of such an inglorious fate as that to which the great enemy sea force was submitting.

The German ships were sighted by the Allied columns at 9.20 o'clock, docilely following their British pilot, the light cruiser Cardiff, which, with destroyers and other small craft, had ranged ahead of the Allied fleet. The enemy studiously complied with Admiral Beatty's orders, and it was well for their own sakes that they did. Every vessel steaming out to meet them flew battle ensigns and was ready for instant action with its men at battle stations and guns in position for the prompt annihilation of the enemy's forces if their mission proved to be other than peaceful.

Five American battleships, the New York, Texas, Arkansas, Wyoming, and Florida, were prepared to fire every gun in forty seconds after the signal was given by Rear-Admiral Hugh Rodman, who said to the correspondent before sailing: "There is not the slightest probability of any trouble, but we are overlooking no chances against making the wind-up of this show a big success."

CANADIAN CROP REPORTS

Ottawa, November 19, 1918. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics, in a bulletin issued today, reports on the area, yield and value of potato, root and fodder crops in Canada for 1918, as compared with 1917, the acreage and condition on October 31 of fall wheat sown for 1919 and the progress of fall ploughing.

POTATO HARVEST OF 1918. The returns already published, showed that the total area planted to field potatoes in Canada this year was 735,192 acres, as compared with 556,958 acres in 1917, both years establishing records. The estimated yield per acre for Canada this year is 143 bushels, as compared with 121 bushels last year, and with 150 bushels, the average for the ten years 1908-17. The total estimated yield of potatoes for 1918 is 105,579,700 bushels, as compared with 79,892,000 bushels last year. The yield for 1918 is the highest on record, the previous record being over 99 million bushels in 1909.

ROOT AND FODDER CROPS. The total yield of turnips and other roots is estimated at 120,767,900 bushels from 343,038 acres, an average per acre of 352 bushels, as compared with last year's total of 63,451,000 bushels from 218,293 acres, the average yield per acre being then 290 bushels. Hay and clover give the record yield of 14,595,500 tons from 10,544,625 acres, an average per acre of 1 1/2 ton. The corresponding figures last year were 13,684,700 tons from 8,225,034 acres, or 1 1/2 ton per acre. The previous record yield of hay and clover was 14,527,000 tons in 1916. The average value per ton of hay and clover is \$9.75 as against \$10.33 per ton last year.

FALL WHEAT AND FALL PLOUGHING. The area estimated to be sown to fall wheat for 1919 is 5 p. c. less than that sown last year, the area being 840,000 acres, as against 888,000 acres, the revised estimate for 1918, based upon the returns collected in June last. As compared with the original estimate for 1918, viz. 714,000 acres, the area for 1919 is 129,000 acres, or 18 p. c. more. On October 31 the condition of the fall wheat crop was, for Canada 102 p. c. of the decennial average. In Ontario, also, the condition is 102, but in Alberta it is 98.

POULTRY TO PAY THE NATIONAL DEBT. Poultry and eggs alone could pay Canada's National War Debt, says Mr. Fred C. Elford, Superintendent of the Poultry Division of the Dominion Experiment Station, Ottawa. And he produced the following figures to prove it: Canada's net national debt on October 31, 1918, was \$1,247,000,000. We have adopted the slogan, "One hundred hens to every farm, ten hens to every urban lot." That would mean taking 1,000,000,000 hens in the country, and 10,000,000,000 hens in the cities, towns, and villages, a total of 110,000,000. Of course everybody in the city could not keep hens and many would not even if they could. But many people in the suburban districts, of the cities, and in the smaller towns, and the country villages could keep more than 20, 30, 50, 75 perhaps. So take an average of ten. A good selected hen will produce 200 eggs a year. But taking a low estimate of 100 dozen eggs a year (120) for 110,000,000 hens and we would produce 1,100,000,000 dozen eggs a year.

London, Nov. 22.—After the surrender of the main installment of the German fleet of the Firth of Forth Thursday, Vice-Admiral Sir David Beatty, commander-in-chief of the Grand Fleet, issued the following message to the men of his command: "I wish to express to the flag officers, captains, officers, and men of the Grand Fleet my congratulations on the victory which has been gained over the sea power of our enemy. The greatness of this achievement is in no way lessened by the fact that the final episode did not take the form of a fleet action. Although deprived of this opportunity, which we had so long and eagerly awaited, of striking the final blow for the freedom of the world, we may derive satisfaction from the singular tribute which the enemy has accorded to the Grand Fleet. Without joining us in action he has given a testimony to the prestige and efficiency of the fleet without parallel in history, and it is to be remembered that this testimony has been accorded to us by those who were in the best position to judge. I desire to express my thanks and appreciation to all who have assisted me in maintaining the fleet in instant readiness for action, and who have borne the arduous and exacting labor which has been necessary for perfecting the efficiency which has accomplished so much."

BRUSSELS EN FETE FOR ITS MONARCH

Brussels, Nov. 23.—There was a stirring scene when King Albert entered Brussels accompanied by Queen Elizabeth, Princes Leopold and Charles, and Princess Marie Jose. The royal party entered at the Porte de Flandres and proceeded to the Place de La Nation, receiving a tremendous ovation along the streets. Entering the Parliament house, King Albert and his family listened to an address of welcome.

FISH MEAL AS A LIVE STOCK FOOD. In these days anything that will increase the available quantities of cattle food without decreasing the quantity is of immense value. Experiments have proved that this is possible with fish meal, a food stuff that as yet is little known in this country but which is used extensively in Europe. Fish meal should not be confused with "fish scrap," "suano," or "pomace" or other forms of fish by-products used as fertilizers. The fish meal used is more carefully treated and includes, or should include, only fresh, sound fish, or fish offal. The value of fish meal as a cattle food is explicitly set forth in four-page pamphlet No. 17, issued by the Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, and which can be had free on application to the Publications Branch. Results of experiments made at the Central Experimental Farm show that fish meal, where available, is a suitable concentrate for cattle, sheep, and for hogs; that fish meal contains 55% to 60% of protein, and over 15% phosphate of lime; that it is of good quality and properly fed with other meals and with roughages, it is palatable, wholesome, and a good feed for young growing stock and also for milk production; and that if given a fair trial and used in proper proportions it should become one of the most popular and profitable protein supplements for swine feeding.

SIR CLIFFORD SIFTON RESIGNS. Ottawa, Nov. 25.—Sir Clifford Sifton has placed his resignation as Chairman of the Commission of Conservation in the hands of the Government. Sir Clifford has been Chairman of the Commission since its organization and has been personally responsible for the conservation policies of that important body since its inception. Sir Clifford's reasons for resigning from the chairmanship of the Commission, are not known. He is now en route to England after spending several weeks in Canada, and for that reason could not be seen. James White, assistant to the chairman and secretary of the Commission, confirmed the report of Sir Clifford's resignation.

NEWSPAPER WAIFS. "Is your daughter a somnambulist?" "No, ma'am; she's a Presbyterian."—Baltimore American. "Who was Titian, Jim?" "He was the chap who got up that famous hair dye."—Boston Transcript. Her Meet.—First Westerner—"Well I'm off for New York." Second Westerner—"My wife is there. You may meet her." "What department store is she shopping at?"—Judge. "I see they are going to tax talking machines." "Well, my dear, that probably won't affect you, and if it does I'll cheerfully pay the tax."—Louisville Courier-Journal. First Artist—Old Roxley wouldn't buy my pictures—wouldn't even look at them. Second Ditto—"Well, he was more considerate of your feelings than of mine—he refused to buy my pictures even after he did look at them."—Boston Transcript. Army Contractor—"Paper shoes are nothing new—we've been makin' 'em for months!" Inventor—"Ah yes—but this is a substitute for paper!"—Life. Hicks—"Do you believe in second sight?" Wicks—"No, but my wife does. Whenever I go shopping with her she says to the clerk: 'I'll come in and look at these again.'"—Boston Transcript. I couldn't refuse that man a small loan. He says he has been in the trenches the last two years." "So he has. I've often seen him laying gaspings."—Baltimore American.

HARD OF HEARING. One of the small and externally select company of bibacious citizens to appear before Magistrate Kingsford this morning was very hard of hearing. He even taxed the immense vocal powers of P. C. Anderson. "Were you drunk," roared the gun from the western front. "Eh?" queried the accused, his hand to his ear. "How do you plead?" "Rotten." "No! not how do you feel, but how do you plead?" "Guilty."—Police Court News in the Toronto Telegram.

TO-MORROW A DAY OF SOLEMN THANKSGIVING

Ottawa, Nov. 25.—Sunday, Dec. 1, has been named by proclamation as a Day of Solemn Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the victories won by the Allied armies in the war against the Central Powers of Europe and for the armistice which has been signed by the contending nations, involving a general surrender by the enemy. Immediately after the signing of the armistice it was proposed that Sunday,

Nov. 17, be named as the day of thanksgiving, but the prevalence of Spanish influenza, particularly in the western provinces, rendered this impossible, as the churches in many districts were closed by order of the health authorities. In many places, however, the 17th was so observed. On former occasions it has been the practice of the State Department to notify the heads of religious denominations of days of prayer, but the shortness of time did not permit of this course at this time. The Secretary of State wishes to express the desire of the Government that Sunday next shall be observed as a Day of Thanksgiving.

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DEATH. By the death of G. B. E., which Royal Sailors' sommel of the B... able lady who world over as... The daughter born in London still a child her... She began her... when she took... also to Sunday-work, following the men of the 2... this, however, the great labors in reality started a very small inc... of a letter Majesty's ship C... mother, and, m... to send to him, I have a letter fr... who would writ... Weston speedily from other quar... at length became began to issue a... letters to the Sec... these letters—kn... account of the was at first only... of late years million, including In addition to th... known to write l... the course of a y... cations from offic... Navy. In this ed or written, fol... Navy regularly to... and were always... greatest eagerness... outset of her wo... Weston became t... of the Royal Nav... and the operatio... since then been... are said to be now every ship in the... In 1876 Miss... friend and helper, "Sailors' Rest" in... vined that work... and that the provi... a sailor could obt... recreation, and all... porary home, was... of keeping him fr... trations of all kin... as soon he put... idea that "Jack" w... stitute tea and o...