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"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved."—H. M. The King. TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

THE BRITISH NAVY

Recent despatches from Great Britain told of a visit King George was reported to have made to the British fleet operating in the North Seas. That fleet has not been heard from for some time, but the very fact that no report has been received of a naval engagement is the very best evidence that it is so much superior to that of Germany that the Kaiser's naval officers do not dare to clear decks for action.

An editorial writer in the New York World, commenting upon the lack of naval fighting observes that "the great navies of Britain and Germany refuse to fight. They appear to be afraid of each other." The World forecasts that before there can be a battle there must be an enemy. To all intents and purposes so far as the British navy is concerned this enemy is lacking. Germany's boasted fleet is in the Kiel Canal accumulating, barbed, and while it leisurely rides there German naval vessels, caught away from the home waters, have been sunk. German merchantmen have either been captured or forced to intern, and the German flag has been swept from the seas. The German colonies have been captured, German trade has been reduced to a minimum and the very empires of the Kaiser and his Teutonic allies are now blockaded and, as the New York Herald says, "feeling the silent pressure of industrial strangulation."

It has been said that the British fleet has been inactive; if so, it is none the less the decisive factor of the war, for it has held the British colonies so safe that they are sending their sons to France and Flanders to fight for the home land, secure in the knowledge that there can be no invasion of Canada or Australia, India, New Zealand or the Islands of the Sea. Thanks to the might of the British fleet Britain's shores are safe from invasion and British armies can be transported to the fighting fields without menace. Thanks to the British fleet, Britain and Britain's colonies can be supplied with food and the necessities of war without the slightest hindrance, save for the occasional deprivation of an isolated submarine.

While the British armies are working with their allies of France, Russia, Belgium, Serbia and Italy to destroy and beat down the might of Prussian militarism the shores of the entire British Empire are absolutely guarded against the approach of a foe and the commerce of the Allied or neutral nations is free to travel the sea lanes with little or no fear of molestation. Had the British army, at the first sign of trouble, been as powerful as the British navy the war lords of Prussia would never have dared to attempt to make the world subscribe to their heinous doctrines. The British navy has done little actual fighting only because the warships of the enemy have not dared to come within gunshot. When "Der Tag" comes, as some think, that the ships of the German fleet close in battle with the "long grey monitors" of England's shores, that day will settle beyond dispute the absolute verity of the oft repeated and glorious assertion that "Britannia rules the waves."

LABOR AND THE WAR.

If the coal miners in Wales continue in their determination to refuse to work at a time when the Empire requires the product of their labor, the cause of organized labor will receive a severe setback in the esteem of all who believe that Empire wealth should have precedence over all other questions. The British Government, apparently, expects trouble and is taking measures to minimize its effect. They have taken over all reserve stocks of coal in Britain and will see to it that the needs of the Navy and allied factors in the prosecution of the world war are supplied from these.

That the Welsh miners should select this time to strike, seems to indicate a particularly short-sighted policy on the part of their leaders. Even if conditions of work and their remunerations are not what they should be, they cannot hope, by seeking to hamper the Empire's efforts, to gain for their

cause that sympathy which is essential to success. Under the new Munitions Law the strikers can be severely penalized for their action and if an attempt is made to enforce it they will probably find that the British people are a unit behind the Government. The average Englishman is in no mood for trifling today so, if the action of the Welsh miners does not result as favorably for them as they might have expected they will have none to blame but their leaders. Whatever may be the circumstances that led to a decision to strike there can be but one opinion as to the wisdom of the action and that is that the strictest measures that it may be deemed necessary to take in order to deal with a complex situation will be fully justified.

THE FUTURE CANADA.

An interesting view of the Canada of the future following the present war is afforded by the Christian Science Monitor in an editorial based on Dominion Day observations in this country. The Monitor says: "Observance of Dominion Day in Canada this year led thoughtful people in that country naturally to contemplate of its past, present and future, especially its future. In all the printed comments on the subject we have seen there is agreement upon one point, namely, that Canada has found a new outlook, that it is certain to occupy a new place in the empire and in the world. The year beginning with August, 1914, it is realized, has brushed aside traditions that have clung to British America for a century. The part that Canada is playing, and must yet play, in the greatest tragedy of modern times, at once enlightens and compels us to assume a different relationship toward the mother country."

"That Canada is changing in its concepts is already noticeable; that it is growing out of its colonial environments and taking on national characteristics are things that cannot escape observation. That it will never again in its relationship to the empire be a mere child to be sent out of doors while the family council is going on seems equally evident."

THE WAR SITUATION.

The German war office reports a success in Poland and the inception of a new attack against Warsaw. It is set too early to judge whether the claims are the correct or what effect the attack may have upon the Russian plan of campaign. As pointed out yesterday, so long as the Germans are unable to destroy the efficiency of the Russian army, territorial gains are matters of minor importance.

More significant is the news from the Dardanelles, where the Allies have again successfully "nibbled" at the Turkish defences and have advanced slightly nearer to their goal. The complete operation as planned for the acquisition of positions on the Gallipoli Peninsula has now been successfully carried out except in one small section which the Turks still hold. The continued successes of the Allies, however, must by this time be having a serious effect upon the spirit of the Turks. Although the soldiers of the Ottoman Empire saw desperate fighting in the Balkan wars they lack the stolid perseverance of the Teuton, and it is not expected they will wear as well in the face of reverses as either the Germans or Austrians. Consequently although strong positions still bar the Allies from Constantinople the situation is pregnant with possibilities and may develop much more quickly than expected.

In the west the day was reported to have been uneventful. Heavy fighting continues in the Argonne, where the French have repulsed the German attacks. Elsewhere on that line the situation has not changed.

William Campbell Enlisted. William Campbell, son of G. Wilfred Campbell, enlisted on Wednesday afternoon was passed by the medical examiners and will be one of the boys who will leave for England to join the Heavy Artillery Brigade under command of Major Frank Magee of this city. Mr. Campbell was some years ago a reporter on a city newspaper and left St. John for the west and has for the last few years been ranching. He is a strong bodied young man, a good horseman, having had much experience on the ranch, and as an artilleryman is not what could be termed a raw recruit, as he was a member of the 2nd Regiment in St. John before he left for the west.

CHILD FELL FROM WINDOW

Two-year-old Son of William Mills Had Narrow Escape.

The two-year-old son of William Mills of 125 Gifford street, West St. John, fell from an open window to the ground, a distance of fourteen feet, yesterday afternoon. Dr. Kenney gave the necessary professional assistance. The child did not appear to be seriously injured but it is possible that several injuries might develop later. The child was resting as comfortably as could be expected last evening.

FORMERLY OF ST. JOHN.

The executive council, yesterday, approved the appointment by the governor of David Craig of this town as first examiner of the state board of examiners of plumbers at a salary of \$2,000. Mr. Craig is a well known citizen whose home is in Andover street and who is engaged in the plumbing business at 70 Broad street, Boston. He is an expert of the National Master Plumbers' Association and is one of the leading men in the state in the trade. Salem Evening News.

Mr. Craig is well known here. About five years ago he obtained from the city the right to develop the Green Head property. He is the inventor of several useful articles especially in the plumbing line. He expected to establish a concrete plant here but failed to secure the required backing at that time. His many friends in St. John will be pleased to hear of his success in Salem.

Now for that Vacation.

Yesterday was St. Swithun's Day, and as there was no rain, at all events in St. John we may expect a good spell of rainless weather, if the old superstition connected with the day may be relied on. St. Swithun (or Swithun) was bishop of Winchester between the years 852 and 862. He was a devoted builder of bridges. He died in 862 and was buried in the churchyard of Winchester, having asked to be laid "where passers-by might tread on his grave and where the rain from the clouds might fall on it." St. Swithun was canonized a century later and the monks exhorted his body to deposit it in the cathedral, but the translation said to have taken place on July 15, is thought to have been delayed for forty days of violent rains. Hence the still current belief, especially in England, that if rain fell on July 15 it will continue to rain for forty days.

The Blueberry Picnic

According to all indications the twelfth annual blueberry picnic at Welsford tomorrow will be a distinct success. It is anticipated that between 400 and 500 St. John people will be present. There are many city residents who do not often have a chance to meet up-river people, and tomorrow's gathering will give them a fine opportunity to make new friends, as well as to thoroughly enjoy themselves. The blueberry picnic has always been an event looked forward to with pleasure because of the many attractions provided, which will be the same as usual this year, and of the certainty of a good day's outing made possible by excellent arrangements.

Another Wanderer

John Doherty was arrested on the Marsh Road last evening by County Policeman Saunders and locked up on the charge of wandering about and not giving a satisfactory account of himself.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Royal. J. D. Palmer, Fredericton; P. Danville, Montreal; T. C. Burpee, Fredericton; A. R. Johnson, Brunswick, Me.; A. M. Wood, Boston; H. A. May and wife, Ottawa; A. B. Teakles, Sussex; J. K. Scammell, Westfield; P. Home, Toronto; G. Gall, Montreal; Wm. V. Polly, Sealand, N. Y.; J. M. Robertson, Toronto; J. J. McCafferty, Fredericton; J. H. Cameron, New York; C. H. R. Bird, Montreal; E. R. A. Hart and wife, Felix; J. Melanson, Sackville; C. E. Adcock, Montreal; J. S. Waller, Westford, Eng.; H. U. Richards, London, Eng.; E. A. Galt, New York; A. E. Tritos, Salisbury; Wm. T. Morgan, New York; Dr. W. G. Putnam and wife, Yarmouth; Fred G. Grant, Trinidad; R. H. Fraser, Ottawa; J. G. Dun and wife, Lynn; W. Teso, New York; Mrs. A. B. Cowan, Chateaufort, New York; Wm. R. Grace, Brooklyn; J. E. Barry and wife, Moncton; A. L. Tasker and wife and son, Philadelphia; Dr. W. T. Read, Digby; O. S. F. Wadsworth, John H. Wilson, Transcrip, Boston; D. T. MacGraw and wife, New York City; T. Murphy, Philadelphia; A. Dobson, Niagara Falls; N. W. Hickey and wife, Boston; J. T. Hallisey, Truro; W. T. H. Boyd, Toronto; R. A. Lawlor, Chatham; Chas. A. Sullivan, Moncton.

Victoria.

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Little Benny's Note Book.

By LEE PAPE

There was a lot of excitement around our way this afternoon and I started to tell pop about it while he was eating supper, saying, G, pop, you awt to of bin around this afternoon, a horse ran away and evvrybody started to yell, Runaway, runaway, and it ran about a mile before they cawt it; you awt to of bin around. My son, beware the evils of exaggirayshin, sed pop, do you realize that there are 10 stty blocks in a mile. I didnt say he ran a mile, I sed. Then wat was the precise nature of yure observayshin, sed pop. I sed he ran about a mile, I sed. Well, considring that 8 or 9 blocks consttute the numerical mezure known as about a mile. I ask you to think it ovir in the calm and stedy lile of reason and then tell me how far the horse ran away, sed pop. Six blocks placed end to end, the only logical position in wich blocks shoold be placed, would extend from this house to yure cuzzin Arties house, did the horse run that far, sed pop. No sir, I sed. Then how far did it run, sed pop. I bet it ran 4 blocks, I sed. Wood you be willing to sware that befor a jury of yure peers, sed pop. Befor who, I sed. Are you quite sure the horse ran 4 blocks, sed pop. How far is it from down at our cornr erround to Bremms ice cream place, I sed. About a block and a half, sed pop. Then thats how far the horse ran, I sed. Wich it was.

Ottawa: Morris Scovill, Gasquetown; C. A. Scott, Amherst; Mrs. F. Bennet McLaughlin, Perth; Marya Crookette, do; James Wenham and wife, Boston; Mr. and Mrs. H. W. White, Boston; E. L. Beer, Amherst; T. H. Beers, Charlottetown; W. H. T. Read, Boston; Miss A. P. Dent, Truro, N. S.; W. E. Scott, Toronto; T. A. Gowbey, Minneapolis, Minn.; H. B. Thompson, Salmon River.

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BIG LEAGUERS

"Ty" Cobb has been often spoken of as the most valuable player in the American League, but not until this season has Vic Salter of the Chicago Cubs, who are now leading the National League, been considered the biggest asset on the Toner circuit. Salter some time ago rose to take the place of one of the greatest of first basemen, Frank Chance, and he always has been a factor in whatever successes have come Chicago's way. This year, though, he is creating

something of a sensation. Not only is he hitting at a 300 clip, but he leads the league in runs scored with 45, and also probably has driven in more runs than any other member of the league. Of his 78 hits this year, 42, or more than half, have been for extra bases, which aggregate 68 on his 24 doubles, 10 triples and eight home runs. His batting has not been so sensational by spurts as has that of his teammate, Zimmerman, but Vic's value has been greatest.

NEFF A GREAT BATTER

San Francisco, July 14.—Jack Neas, first baseman of the Oakland team of the Pacific Coast League, broke the world's record for hitting in consecutive games today by lining out a hit in the 41st consecutive game in the contest against Salt Lake City. The previous record was held by Ty Cobb, who made hits in 40 straight games. In the 41 games Neas made 70 hits. He leads the Coast players with a batting average of .387 for 97 games, in which he made 62 runs, 141 hits, four being three-baggers and 10 home runs. Neas was born and learned to play ball in Chicago. He entered the professional ranks with the Madison Wis. team in 1909.

Detroit scouts saw him and he was drafted and then farmed out to Willamsport in the Tri-State league. He staid there until the Fall of 1910, when Detroit recalled him. Neas played with Detroit until June 1911, when Hugh Jennings sent him to New Bedford in the New England League, where he played two seasons. Oakland drafted him at the close of the 1912 season.

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