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AFTER BLENHEIM

It was a summer evening,
Old Kaspar's work was done,
And he before his cottage door
Was sitting in the sun;
And by him sported on the green
His little grandchild Wilhelmine.

She saw her brother Peterkin
Roll something large and round,
Which he beside the rivulet
In playing there had found;
He came to ask what he had found
That was so large and smooth and round.

Old Kaspar took it from the boy
Who stood expectant by;
And then the old man shook his head,
And with a natural sigh
'Tis some poor fellow's skull,' said he,
'Who fell in the great victory.

'I find them in the garden,
For there's many here about;
And often when I go to plough
The ploughshare turns them out.
For many thousand men,' said he,
'Were slain in that great victory.'

'Now tell us what 'twas all about,'
Young Peterkin he cries;
And little Wilhelmine looks up
With wonder-waiting eyes;
'Now tell us all about the war,
And what they fought each other for.'

'It was the English,' Kaspar cried,
'Who put the French to rout;
But what they fought each other for
I could not well make out.
But every body said,' quoth he,
'That 'twas a famous victory.

'My father lived at Blenheim then,
Yon little stream hard by;
They burnt his dwelling to the ground,
And he was forced to fly;
So with his wife and child he fled,
Nor had he where to rest his head.

'With fire and sword the country round
Was wasted far and wide,
And many a childing mother then
And newborn baby died;
But things like that, you know, must be
At every famous victory.

'They say it was a shocking sight
After the field was won;
For many thousand bodies here
Lay rotting in the sun;
But things like that, you know, must be
After a famous victory.

'Great praise the Duke of Marlboro' won
And our good Prince Eugene.'
'Why 'twas a very wicked thing!'
Said little Wilhelmine;
'Nay . . nay . . my little girl,' quoth he,
'It was a famous victory.

'And every body praised the Duke
Who this great fight did win.'
'But what good came of it at last?'
Quoth little Peterkin;
'Why that I cannot tell,' said he,
'But 'twas a famous victory.'

ROBERT SOUTHEY.

(Born August 12, 1774; died March 21, 1843.)

THE CHURCH FAIR

"I WANST knew a man," said Mr. Dooley, laying down his newspaper, "be th' name iv Burke, that come fr'm somewhere around Derry, though he was no Presbyterian. He was th' right sort. Well, he was frein' how come-ye-so, an' he dhrifted over to where we was holdin' a fair. They was a band outside, an' he thought it was a grand openin'. So he come in with a cigar in th' side iv his mouth an' his hat hangin' onto his ear. It was fine last night in th' fair, and, ivrything was wide open; fr th' priest had gone home, an' we wanted fr to break th' record. This Burke was fr lavin' whin he see where he was, but we ran him again th' shootin' gallery, where ye got twinty-five cints a quarther iv a dollar, fr ivry time ye rang th' belli. Th' gun we had was crooked as a ram's horn, but it must 've fitted into Burke's squint; fr he made that there belt ring as if he was a conductor iv a grip car roundin' a curve. He had th' shootin' gallery on its last legs whin we run him again th' wheel iv fortune. He thrun it. Thin we thried him on th' grabbag. They was four good watches an' only quantity iv brickbats an' chunks iv coal in th' bag. He had four dives, an' got a watch each time. He took a chanst on ivrything an' he won a foldin' bed, a doll that cud talk like an old gate, a pianny, a lamp-shade, a Life iv St. Aloysius, a pair iv shoes, a baseball bat, an ice-cream freezer, an' a pome by Mike Scanlan.

"Th' comity was distracted. Here was a man that'd break th' fair, an' do it with th' best iv humor; fr he come fr'm another parish. So we held a private session. 'What'll we do?' says Dorgan, th' chairman. They was a man be th' name iv Flaherty, a good man thin' an' a betther now; fr he's dead, may he rest in peace! An' Flaherty says, 'We've got to take th' bull be th' horns,' he says. 'If ye lave him to me,' he says, 'I'll fix him,' he says.

So he injooced this man Burke to come down back iv th' shootin' gallery, an' says he to Burke, 'ye're lucky to-night.' 'Not so lucky,' says Burke. 'I wud be a shame to lave ye get away with all ye won,' says Flaherty. 'Twill be a great inconvanience,' says Burke. 'I'll have to hire two or three dhrays,' he says; 'an' 'tis late.' 'Well,' says Flaherty, 'I'm appinted be th' parish to cut th' ca-ards with ye,' he says, 'whether ye're to give back what ye won or take what's left.' 'Tis fair,' says Burke, 'an', whoiver wins 'tis fr a good cause.' An' he puts th' watches an' th' money on th' table. 'High man,' says Flaherty. 'High man,' says Burke. Flaherty cut th' king iv spades. Burke, wid a dhrop in his hands ov'r him, cut th' ace iv hearts. He was reachin' out fr th' money, whin Flaherty says he: 'I wud,' says Burke. 'Wud ye rob th' church?' says Flaherty. 'I wud,' says Burke. 'Thin,' says Flaherty, scoopin' it in, 'ye're a heretic; an' they'se nawthin' comin' to ye.'

"Burke looked at him, an' he looked at th' comity; an' he says, 'Gintlemen, if iver ye come over in th' Sixth Ward, dhrop in an' see me,' he says. 'I'll thry an' make it plisint fr ye,' he says. An' he wint away.

"Th' story got out, an' th' good man heerd iv it. He was mighty mad about it; an' th' next sermon he preached was on 'The Evil iv Gamblin', but he asked Flaherty fr to take up th' collection."

—From "Mr. Dooley in the Hearts of his Countrymen," by F. P. Dunne.

A MILITARY FAMILY

Family history is being made rapidly these days and future generations will look back with pride upon the achievements of their ancestors in the Great War. In those coming times no family will be able to show a more splendid record than that which is being made by the Walkem family, who have sent no less than seven of their sons overseas to fight in the great cause. Mrs. Henry Joseph, nee Miss Walkem, is well known in St. Andrews, where she has spent many summers, and she has proved herself no unworthy representative of the Walkems by her untiring patriotic work. Capt. George A. Walkem and Major Hugh C. Walkem are brothers of Mrs. Joseph. The following account of the brilliant military careers of the members of the Walkem family is taken from the *Montreal Daily Star* July 23:

Excellent reports are received by his Montreal friends of the work being done in France by Maj. Hugh H. C. Walkem, who left with the 42nd Battalion, Fifth Royal Highlanders. Major Walkem went through the Battle of Ypres last year and was fortunate enough to escape unhurt. He was recently transferred to the 7th Infantry Brigade with which he is engaged on special tunnelling work. Major Walkem was on the staff of the Bank of British North America, before joining the army.

Capt. George W. Walkem, brother of Major Hugh Walkem, has also distinguished himself since joining the Imperial Army a year ago. At the time he was residing with his wife and four children in Vancouver, acting as manager of the Vancouver Engineering Work. He applied for a commission from the War Office, London, and was gazetted 2nd Lieut. in the Royal Engineers. He was immediately sent to Egypt, where he has been working on a railway line that is being built near the Suez Canal. From the rank of 2nd Lieut. he was promoted to captaincy. He is a science graduate of McGill University. The first break in the ranks of the Walkems overseas was the death of Sapper W. R. W. Walkem, who fell at Vimy Ridge on April 15. Sapper Walkem, son of Dr. W. W. Walkem of Vancouver, was barely twenty years of age. He was studying for his entrance to the Royal Military College, Kingston, when he decided to join the Princess Pats. He was later transferred to the Royal Engineers.

Another member of the family who joined the Princess Patricias is Capt. Hugh Niven, of London, Ont., first cousin of Major Hugh Walkem. He enlisted as a private, but has since risen to the rank of captain, having been in sole command of his regiment. Several times, when his senior officers were cut down in battle, Capt. Niven has won praise from all sides for his remarkable work in France.

The Military Cross has been won by Lieut. Harry C. Walkem, son of J. B. Walkem, K. C., of Kingston, on the recommendation of three colonels. He joined the Royal Engineers. On October 7, 1916, he was badly wounded and invalided home on a three months' leave. During that time he was awarded the Military Cross, but he only heard the news, quite casually, in April, several months later. He has again returned to the front quite recovered from his wounds. Hn was a graduate of the Royal Military College, Kingston.

In addition to these members of the Canadian branch of the Walkem family two other cousins have gone to the front from Tasmania, completing a record of seven first cousins in khaki.

WAR'S HORRORS

O FOR a voice like thunder, and a tongue
To drown the throat of war! When the senses
Are shaken, and the soul is driven to madness,
Who can stand? When the souls of the oppressed
Fight in the troubled air that rages, who can stand?
When the whirlwind of fury comes from the Throne
Of God, when the frowns of His countenance
Drive the nations together, who can stand?
When Sin claps his broad wings over the battle,
When souls are torn to everlasting fire,
And sails rejoicing in the flood of death;
When fiends of Hell rejoice upon the slain,
O who can stand? O who hath caused this?
O who can answer at the throne of God?
The Kings and Nobles of the land have done it!
Hear it not, Heaven, thy ministers have done it!

WILLIAM BLAKE.

(Born November 28, 1757; died March 21, 1843.)

CHARLOTTE COUNTY RECRUITS

We are indebted to Capt. Geo. P. Ryder for the following list of recruits recently enlisted at St. Stephen to July 30 for overseas service:—

Name	Unit	Age	Residence
Blaney, Alden A.	Forestry Co.	21	Little Ridge, N. B.
Campbell, Thos. H.	do.	45	St. Stephen, N. B.
Cochrane, George E.	do.	27	Milltown, N. B.
Colson, John C.	do.	24	Milltown, Me.
Delvin, Peter B.	do.	28	Oak Bay, N. B.
Doten, Percy B.	do.	28	do.
Dowling, Daniel H.	do.	20	St. Stephen, N. B.
Dowling, John C.	do.	19	Harvey Station, N. B.
Garnett, George E.	do.	14	Milltown, N. B.
Harrington, Timothy	do.	38	Calais, Me.
Kavanaugh, Roy E.	do.	22	Rolling Dam, N. B.
Marshall, William	do.	22	Basswood Ridge, N. B.
Russell, Harold A.	do.	23	Oak Hill, N. B.
Russell, William W.	do.	35	Oak Hill, N. B.
Smith, Oscar	do.	19	Eastport, Me.
Stewart, Frederick J.	do.	20	Rolling Dam, N. B.
White, Alec	62nd Draft	36	Rumania

THE MANSION ERECTED BY JACK

BEHOLD the mansion erected by daedal Jack!
See the malt stored in many a plethoric sack,
Within the cirque of Ivan's bivouac
Mark how the rat's felonious fangs invade
The golden stores in John's pavilion laid.
Anon with velvet foot and Tarquin strides,
Subtle Grimalkin to his quarry glides.
Grimalkin who did slay the fierce rodent
Whose tooth insidious Johann's sackcloth rent.
Lo, now the deep-mouthed canine foes assault,
Who slew the invader of the stolen malt,
Stored in the hallowed precincts of that hall
Which rose complete at John's creative call.
Here stalks the impetuous cow with crumpled horn,
Wherefrom the exacerbating hound was torn,
That bayed the feline slaughter-beast that slew
The rat predacious, whose keen fangs ran through
The textile fibres that enclosed the grain
Which lay in John's inviolate domain.
Here stands the forlorn damsel, crowned with rue,
Lactiferous spoils from vaccine dugs who drew,
From that corniculate beast whose tortuous horn
Tossed to the clouds, with fierce vindictive scorn,
The harrowing hound whose braggart bark and stir
Aroused the little back and raised the indignant fur.
Of puss, whose vernicidal claw struck the weird rat
In whose insatiate maw lay reeking malt, which
Brst in Johann's court we saw,
Robed in senescent garb, which seems, in sooth,
Too long a prey to Chronos' iron tooth,
Behold the man whose amorous lips incline,
Made full with Eros' osculative sign,
To the lorn damsel, whose lactalbic hands,
Drew albu-lactic wealth from lacteal glands
Of that immortal bovine, by whose horn
Distort, to realms ethereal was borne
The Ulyssean quadrupedal, vexer of the shy beast Catulean,
Who made die the old mordacious rat, who dared devour
Antecedaneous ale in John's domestic bower.
Lo, here with hirsute honors dofted, succinct
Of saponaceous locks, the priest who linked
With Hymen's golden bands, the torn unshrift,
Whose means exiguous stared through many a rift,
Even as he kissed the damsel all forlorn,
Who milked the cow with complicated horn.
That in fine wrath the canine torturer skied,
Who dared to vex the insidious muricide,
Who let the Auroral effluence through the pelt
Of the sly rat, that robbed the palace Ian had built.
The loud cantankerous Shanghai comes at last,
Who waked the shorn ecclesiast,
Who sealed the vows of holy sacrament
Of him, who robed in garments indigent,
Osculates the damsel all forlorn,
The emulator of that brute morose,
That tossed the dog, that worried the cat,
Who killed the rat, that ate the malt,
That lay in the house that Jack built.

*** The above was written from memory by a guest now registered at Kennedy's Hotel. This is surely no small feat of memorizing, as the poem appears to have been written with the sole aim of making its memorization impossible, like some other poems which are given to youthful sinners to commit to memory in order that they may learn the error of their ways before it is too late.

RED CROSS SOCIETY

Lady Tilley, acting president and secretary of the New Brunswick branch of the Red Cross Society, has acknowledged with thanks the following contributions received from Charlotte County towards the fund for the French wounded and prisoners of war:

St. George R. C. S.	$50.00
Seal Cove R. C. S.	35.00
Millown R. C. S.	25.00
St. Stephen R. C. S.	25.10
Welchpool R. C. Aid	27.00
Pennfield R. C. S.	15.00
Beaver Harbor R. C. S.	15.00
Honeydale R. C. S.	10.00
St. Andrews R. C. S.	15.00

TOWED OVER 2,000 MILES

Six of the interned German vessels seized by the United were in the harbor of Honolulu at the time of the entrance of the United States into the war. Their German commanders destroyed their furnaces and boilers by the use of a "made in Germany" preparation, "Thermit", which, when ignited, melts every substance within a short radius.

Realizing the vessels at Honolulu being impossible, they were towed from that port to a Pacific port of the United States, a distance of 2,200 miles, where they were made ready for sea and are now in active service.

KENNEDY'S HOTEL

The following guests registered at Kennedy's Hotel during the week:

MONTREAL: H. W. Sainsbury, A. Cameron, M. J. McCarthy, A. J. Lersch, B. E. Dakin, TORONTO: H. MacLeod, FREDERICTON: G. P. Walker, E. L. Dennison, C. C. Cunningham, HALIFAX: F. A. Martin, PICTOU: W. E. Sharpe, HAMPTON: C. B. Leonard, BRIDGEWATER: E. C. Sollows, MONCTON: W. M. and Mrs. Thompson, LIVERPOOL, N. S.: W. P. Drew, SUSSEX: J. M. and Mrs. Kinney, WINNIPEG: J. L. Neville, ST. CATHERINE, ONT.: T. F. and Mrs. Simmons, WOODSTOCK: J. H. Stairs, A. E. Stewart, W. R. Grierson, SHIPPEGAN: Miss S. E. Doran, CHANCE HARBOR: J. L. Belding, A. L. Belding, ST. JOHN: W. H. Smith, W. E. Bowman, R. E. Armstrong, F. G. Gayse, A. M. Morris, W. H. Banks, E. A. Kennedy, E. H. Stirling, H. J. Hennessey, A. and Mrs. Gray and two children, J. and Mrs. K. M. W. F. H. Riley, G. Dickson, P. J. Gorman, J. Crowley, W. A. McDonald, G. F. Cunningham, W. D. Liver, T. Collins, Miss Mervin, R. A. Christie, A. O. Lockhart, H. B. Tippett, James O'Brien, George McConnell, T. E. Akerley, J. H. Pricharts, ST. STEPHEN: F. S. Bixby, Miss Marks, Mrs. and Miss Bixby, D. F. Maxwell, J. W. Graham, W. W. Inches, J. W. Scovil, M. McCormick, R. D. Webber, R. W. Grimmer, Miss Amy and Helen Bonnell, Miss Eloise Rand, A. and Mrs. Speedy, Mrs. J. E. Tourtellotte, Miss J. C. Flanagin, L. B. Mitchell, W. McGregor, J. Shaughnessy, W. A. Fancy, J. M. Scovil, H. W. Scovil, I. Eastman, NEW YORK: C. E. Perkins, W. J. Scarlett, BOSTON: Miss M. Pidsing, Miss M. A. Jordan, NEW JERSEY: C. C. and Mrs. Bennett, BANGOR: Miss M. Ryan, Miss V. Gonjer, Miss J. Murphy, C. F. Gonjer, R. Wainwright, MONTICELLO: Mrs. R. W. McLeod, LUBEC: G. McCurdy, Misses Mabel and Mary Sullivan, Miss E. Farlay, Miss Sarah Anderson, EASTPORT: Dr. J. E. and Mrs. Dyes, PRESQUE ISLE: C. F. and Mrs. Parsons, KINGMAN: Mrs. W. Master, Miss M. Master, CALAIS: K. A. Hallenberg, Mrs. F. M. Eaton.

ALGONQUIN HOTEL

The following guests registered at the Algonquin Hotel during the week ending August 7:

MONTREAL: Gordon T. Shipo, Sir Thomas Tait, C. W. Ballantyne, Kenneth E. and Mrs. Red, C. S. and Mrs. Harding, Miss B. Harding, Allan McKenzie, F. C. Fairbanks, G. R. Starker, Sir Wm. Peterson, A. G. Lalond, D. Millar, R. H. Dunlop, Mrs. J. C. King, J. J. and Mrs. Robson, Horace Outil, J. E. and Mrs. Danniell, H. W. Sainsbury, George Bury, J. M. Fairbairn, J. J. Bourgoine, Mrs. Hamilton Gault, Miss G. C. Murray, M. F. Cahill, Miss MacKenzie, OTTAWA: Sir Henry and Lady Drayton, Miss Margaret Drayton, F. Perry, D. and Mrs. McDougal, A. F. Sladen, TORONTO: James Parker, J. E. Robertson, Leonaid McMurray, F. Yewman, J. B. and Mrs. Maclean, Miss Rennie, Cowan St. Clair, Mrs. Arthur Barward, Ralph Smith, Louis S. McMurray, W. and Mrs. Mulock, Miss Marjory Mulock, LONDON, ONT.: R. A. Salter, A. M. Smith, WALKERVILLE: Mrs. E. Walker, Wm. Leslie, ST. JOHN: C. H. and Mrs. Peters, Dr. and Mrs. F. A. Godsoe, D. H. Regan, N. W. Lindsay, E. Peters, A. Riley and Mrs. Peters, Premier and Mrs. W. E. Foster, ST. STEPHEN: Frank and Mrs. Todd, G. F. Pinder, M. A. Danniell and party, NEW YORK: Mrs. F. Eldridge, S. and Mrs. Childs, J. E. and Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Bert Leeds, W. Swords, G. A. and Mrs. Castwick, Mrs. W. C. Ashwell, Miss Muriel Ashwell, G. C. Gibbons, Mrs. Stralen, C. H. Ault, Mrs. A. Smith, C. Stralen, W. A. and Mrs. Townsend, BOSTON: Miss Elsie Dalton, Miss Ellen Dalton, ST. LOUIS: J. S. and Mrs. Bemis, Miss Jane Bemis, T. H. and Mrs. Wright, Mrs. W. A. Stickney, Mrs. Willis L. B. DeBury, ROCHESTER, N. Y.: Julius and Mrs. White, BROOKLINE, MASS.: Mrs. Arthur Mills, PHILADELPHIA: W. M. Garden, PROVIDENCE: Mrs. Ethel Myers, J. E. Studley, Myers, CLEVELAND: Mr. and Mrs. Palmer and family, Arthur O. Weker, MINNEAPOLIS: Mrs. F. A. Quirk, A. Quirk, Miss R. Anderson, WOODSTOCK, ME.: W. S. and Mrs. Carleton, WOODLANDS: Mr. Thompson Smith, James Ewing Smith, CALAIS: Miss Bertha O. Colliten, STAMFORD, CONN.: Louis N. and Mrs. Porter and family, CHESTNUT HILL, MASS.: C. F. and Mrs. Wallace, PARIS: Mlle. Singer.

We have ceased talking about the H. C. of L. Hereafter we will say "the high cost of trying to live."—*Life.*

Jane—"Got any summer furs, yet, Mayme?" Mayme—"Naw! Too cold."—*Buffalo Express.*

"Maud has a very engaging personality." "Yes; that's how she's managed to get so many diamond rings."—*Baltimore American.*

TOWN COUNCIL

Tuesday, Aug. 7.

The monthly meeting of the Town Council was this day held in the Town Hall, at 8 o'clock, p. m.

Present—The Mayor, G. King Greenlaw, and Aldermen Caughey, Douglas, Finigan, Gillman, McFarlane, McLaren.

Absent—Aldn. Denley and Malpas.

Minutes of meeting of July 3rd read and confirmed.

Communication from Rev. Wm. Wedall received and filed.

Communication from Wallace Broad, Esq., Chairman of the Board of School Trustees, in re carrying out the provisions of an Act providing for compulsory attendance at Schools.

On motion seconded and carried the communication was laid on the table till the next regular meeting of Council.

In re License By-law.

The communication of H. W. Chase, laid over from last meeting of Council, was taken up.

Aldn. McLaren submitted, endorsed by Aldn. Malpas, a resolution bearing on amended Sec. No. 5, in respect of dances.

After discussion on motion of Aldn. Douglas, seconded by Aldn. McLaren and carried:

Resolved, That Sec. No. 5, of the By-Law relating to licenses be further amended by substituting as a minimum fee the sum of one dollar.

On motion of Aldn. Douglas, seconded by Aldn. McLaren and McFarlane.

Resolved, That whereas it has been made clear to this Council that the citizens of St. Andrews have participated largely in the benefits which accrue from the existance in St. Stephen of Chipman Memorial Hospital, and whereas the Town has not contributed to the maintainence of the Hospital except through its participation in the County grant. It is resolved that the sum of Three hundred dollars be donated to the Trustees of Chipman Memorial Hospital out of contingent funds. Carried.

An application was submitted from Elizabeth Alexander for renewal of her lease of the McCarty lot on the Western Commons for the term of twenty-one years, from November 1st, 1914.

On motion seconded and carried, Ordered, That the application of Elizabeth Alexander for renewal of above named lease be granted.

Application was submitted from Elizabeth, Alexander, Gertrude Burton, Eva McKinney, John Craig, requesting that separate leases for the term of twenty-one years of the Alexander homestead lot and the three acre pasture lot near Hume's Hill be executed under the Town Seal signed by the Mayor and Town Clerk, renewing expired leases of the above lots to the aforementioned persons.

Aldn. Finigan stated that he had been requested by the Town Treasurer to have the Council apportion the salary of the Marshal over the different departments controlled by him.

After some discussion the salary of the Marshal was allotted as follows, viz., Scott Act Inspector, $200.00; Commissioner of Streets, $100.00; Marshal, $560.00.

Aldn. Finigan, Chairman of Poor Committee, reported v. y. that nothing definite had been learned in re the case of Mrs. Ann McKay and the claim made on her account by the Town of St. Stephen, but that he would be in St. Stephen this week and would make further investigations.

BILLS PASSED

Aug. 7, 1917.	
J. A. Koss, labor, Streets,	$35.00
H. W. Chase, labor, Streets,	2.50
P. Johnson, team, Streets,	4.00
Edw'd Somers, labor, Streets,	53.75
Colin Tracy, labor, Streets,	2.00
John Morrison, labor, Streets,	2.75
Jno. Dougherty, team, Streets,	20.00
R. D. McDowell, labor, Streets,	2.00
Gregory Byrne, labor, Streets,	56.88
W. J. McQuoid, team, Streets,	32.50
G. H. Higgins, team, Streets,	23.10
J. D. Grimmer, supplies, Streets,	66.15
W. H. Sinnett, Salary, etc.,	72.23
Chas. Horsnell, Bd. Health	12.00
Mrs. P. Parker, board, Poor,	25.00
Wren's Drug Store, supplies,	180.00
Frank Gillman, Fire,	2.30
A. Campbell, Fire,	1.25
A. Thurber, Police,	.60
Dr. J. A. Wade, Coroner, fees, etc.,	1.00
	4.50
	$437.51
Contribution to Chipman Memo. rial Hospial,	$300.00

E. S. POLLEYS, Town Clerk.

GERMAN STEAMERS DAMAGED

Bangkok, July 26.—The machinery of the Austro-German steamers which were seized after Siam had declared war against the Central Powers, July 22, was found to be damaged.

All male subjects of enemy countries have been interned and all enemy business will be wound up.

Nine steamers aggregating 19,000 tons were seized by the Siamese Government with its entrance into the war. They were owned chiefly by the North German Lloyd Company.