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TRAINING SHIP GOES OUT OF ACTIVE SERVICE

Brokers Purchase Famous old Vessel That Has Done Duty for Half a Century

After lying at Dartmouth for nearly half a century the famous old cadet training ship Britannia is now being dismantled, having been bought by a London firm of ship brokers.

The Britannia is the fifth of her name. She took the place of the old Britannia as a training ship at Dartmouth after the latter became obsolete and useless. The ship thus superseded was one of the flagships in the fleet that bombarded Sebastopol, in 1854-5.

The present Britannia was laid down as a "three-decker" in 1848. She lay on the stocks until after the end of the Crimean War. Then, as the introduction of steam had been officially recognized as the motive power of war ships, she was cut amidships and lengthened, and also extended at the stern, and finally launched as a screw 131 gun ship in 1860.

She was christened the Prince of Wales, but upon her arrival at Dartmouth she was renamed the Britannia. The vessel was towed to the mouth of the Dart from Devonport by H. M. S. Buzzard and two tugs on August 17, 1869, and she has remained there since.

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At certain times the cadets when ashore became acquainted with the different flavors of the apples in the South Devon orchards. Once Prince George and his companions met an old woman in Dartmouth who retailed fruit.

"Well, mother," said the Prince (he always called an elderly lady "mother") "how's fruit selling to-day?"

"Lor, I don't know, sir," replied the old dame, "but I've got some nice strawberries, some pears, a good lot of plums and a few nice apples."

"Apples?" said the Prince with a meaning glance to his companions. "We don't buy apples, do we?"

"No!" came the unanimous chorus. The boys bought other fruit, and as the Prince quitted the old woman he called out to her in a tone of gaiety:—

"Look out for us, mother. Next time we pass we'll stock you with apples for a month."

The magnificent Royal Naval College at Dartmouth has now superseded the old Britannia as a training place for lads destined for high naval service. Overlooking Dartmouth and the harbor, two hundred feet above the sea level, this fine building is considered the premier naval training establishment in the world.

Earnings of the Suez Canal

The annual report of the Suez Canal Company gives some interesting details on the effect of the war on the company's business in 1915. The total receipts amounted to over \$19,600,000, being a decrease, as compared with 1914 of over \$5,300,000. The total expenditure amounted to over \$6,400,000, a decrease of \$182,000.

The number of passages have been 3,708, representing 15,266,155 tons, a decrease of 1,094 passages and 4,143,340 tons, as compared with 1914, or 21.35 per cent., as compared with 1913, the last normal year, a decrease of 1,377 passages and 4,767,729 tons, or 23.80 per cent.

German, Austrian and Turkish flags in 1913 represented 1,047 passages and 4,239,765 tons, or 21.13 per cent., so that their disappearance represents almost exactly the decrease for 1915. But the purely commercial traffic must be separated from that created by the war. State ships and ships freighted by States, for which the Governments pay the dues, only formed 104 passages, or 301,145 tons, in 1913, while in 1915 they represented 743 passages and 3,379,597 tons.

The number of passengers has decreased by 72,000, as compared with 1913, although 119,812 military passengers have been carried. Civilian passengers have diminished by half, the suppression of the Mecca pilgrimage having a great effect.

"My poems are the children of my brain." They should be sent to a reform school.

A BIG HOLIDAY FEATURE PROGRAMME TO-DAY AT THE NICKEL.

"The Disappearing Helmets."

Pearl White and Creighton Hale in the second last episode of the

"ROMANCE OF ELAINE."

"JERRY TO THE RESCUE." (George Ovey in a comedy scream.)

"FLOWER OF THE HILLS." (A beautiful social drama.)

"BY LOVE REDEEMED."

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COMING—Lottie Pickford in "THE DIAMOND FROM THE SKY," the \$800,000.00 photo play; one episode will be shown every week, commencing next week.

"The White Lady"

A Ghost is the Terror of the Hohenzollern Family—The Kaiser Forbids Her Name to be Mentioned in His Hearing

Kaiser Wilhelm may fear no man on earth, but at the very mention of one woman's name it is said his cheeks blanch.

In fact, there has been no Hohenzollern for many a century past who has not held this formidable female in dread. Even Frederick the Great, fearless man as he was, would never allow her name to be mentioned in his presence; while his neurotic nephew, Frederick William II, once fell in a dead faint when he was told that she had been seen in a corridor of his Berlin palace.

And, indeed, the Hohenzollerns have good cause for their fear; for whenever 'Bertha' known as the 'White Lady,' has been seen she has always been the harbinger of death or some great calamity to their house.

The evening before William I drew his last breath, and the very night on which his son Frederick III died in agony, she was seen by more than one, wandering through the rooms of the palace in which they were lying.

On the latter occasion it is said the intruder, challenged by a sentry walked up to him with such fierce eyes and such a menacing aspect that he uttered a piercing shriek and fell unconscious.

Those who have looked on this apparition that haunts the Hohenzollerns describe her as an old woman clothed from head to foot in white with black eyes blazing from a deeply-furrowed, corpse-like face, and carrying a broom—a circumstance from which the irreverent and sceptical have dubbed her the 'Sweeper.'

But the Hohenzollerns have no monopoly of White Ladies in Germany. A similar phantom haunts the place of Hesse-Darmstadt—indeed it was from the legend of this palace that Wagner borrowed the subject of his Lohengrin; the Grand Dukes of Baden are haunted by a third; and there are few ancient castles in the whole of Germany which are not the haunts of other varieties of this spectral woman, mostly bent old crones, carrying a heavy, tapping walking-stick, which heralds their approach.

But the most attractive—or the least unattractive—of them all is the White Lady who, for centuries, has foreshadowed calamity to the Hapsburgs—"a pale young woman," she is described, "marvelously beautiful with a long flowing white veil." She was seen by many in the Castle of Schonbrunn the night before Maximilian, Austrian Archduke, came to his tragic end in Mexico; and in 1887 immediately before Crown Prince Rudolph died so terribly and mysteriously in his Mayerling hunting-lodge.

She was the herald of the shipwreck which closed the romantic career of the Archduke Johann (John Orth); and at the very time a cowardly assassin struck the Empress Elizabeth her death-blow in Switzerland, a sentry on guard in the Schonbrunn Castle saw the spectral White Lady slowly walking in the room where he was stationed.

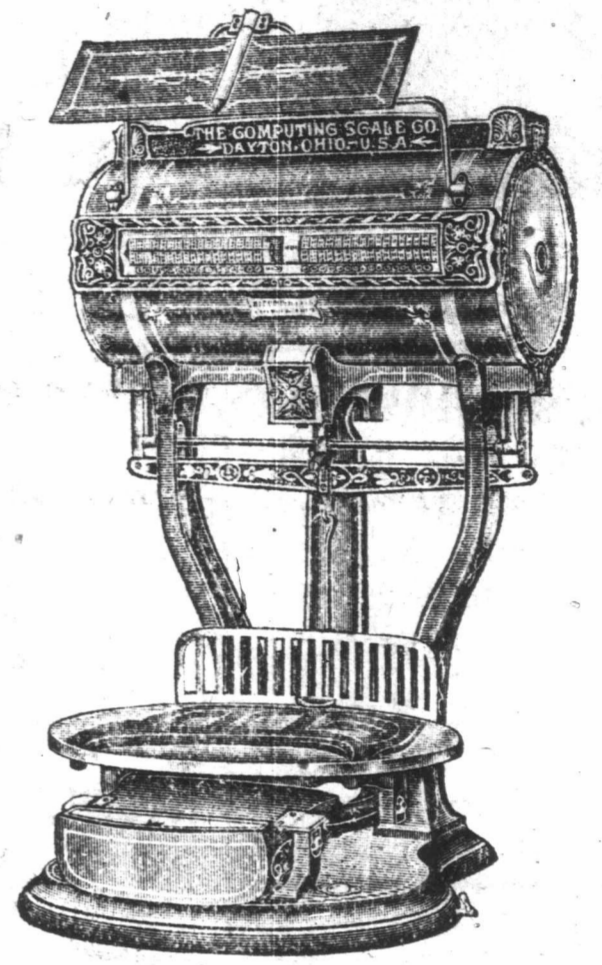
War Opens Up New Problems

PETROGRAD, July 8, via London.—In an interview in The Bourne Gazette on the Russo-Japanese agreement, Sergius Sazonoff, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, says: "The present war opens up a series of problems for Russia, the solution of which necessitates our confining our attention to the west for many years. Relying on our solidarity with Japan as regards Far Eastern questions we can devote all our energies to the solution of these problems with the assurance that no power will take unfair advantage of China to carry out its ambitious plans, as was the case with other countries bordering on Russia in the east."

STILL THEY COME.

M. J. Malone, Grocer of New Gower St., has just given his order for two DAYTON MONEY-WEIGHT SCALES, one fan type Scale for his grocery counter, and a small Candy and Spice Scale for the opposite counter. Mr. Malone has tried "Getting along" with inferior scales long enough and is determined to have absolutely accurate Scales at once.

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REID'S STEAMER REPORT.

Argyle left Flat Island 8.35 a.m. yesterday going West.
Wren left St. John's 4 p.m. yesterday for Harbor Grace.
Clyde arrived Lewisporte 1.40 p.m. yesterday.
Dundee arrived Port Blandford 2.10 p.m. yesterday.
Ethie left Flower's Cove 3.15 p.m. yesterday going North.
Glencoe arrived Placentia 8.30 p.m. yesterday.
Home arrived Lewisporte 4.50 p.m. yesterday.
Lady Sybil arrived Port aux Basques 7.40 a.m. to-day.
Kyle left Port aux Basques 10.30 p.m. yesterday.
Petrel arrived Clarendville 12.40 p.m. yesterday.
Meigle left Twillingate early this a.m. coming South.
Sagona left St. John's 10 p.m. yesterday.

SEAMEN HURT ON SAGONA.

When the Sagona was swinging off from the dock pier last night as she was sailing one of the springs was suddenly hauled taut with the weight of the ship and parted, an end of the line swinging on board with great force and struck two of the deck hands, Lockley and another, Dr. Smith who was on board, treated them and they were later sent to Hospital. They narrowly escaped being killed.

FISHERY DESERTERS ARRESTED.

Yesterday two men were arrested for deserting the fishery service of M. Kavanagh, of Logy Bay. They belong to Carbonear, and signed under assumed names, intending to skip, which they did after they were given out \$16 worth of goods each on account. To-day they were before Hutchings, K.C. and were ordered to be held and remanded to arrange to pay for what they had taken. As the trap season is nearly over, Kavanagh can not wish to press the case.

The S.S. Sam. Blandford has received a thorough repairing at New York at the hands of shipwright S. H. Butler, who recently returned from there. The ship has been to all intents and purposes rebuilt, has had her engines and boilers overhauled and will likely go South before returning here.

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German Balloons Burned in the Air

By a Secret Contrivance Known Only to the Allies

DOMPIERRE, Picardy, via London, July 17.—A string of great balloons you can count sixteen without glasses is the first obvious thing that a reporter sees on this front. Next, his eyes wander to the unaccountable batteries in action. Above them the aerial telephone stations swing beyond the trajectory of the German gunfire.

On the German side not a single balloon is visible. Fifteen have been burned in the air by a secret contrivance known only to the allies, since the offensive began. The German artillery is blinded because the Allies have now obtained the mastery of the air, according to the confident claims of the British and French officers. It is true that from their point of view a German aeroplane is rarely sighted while French aviators are constantly on the wing. A dramatic and startling novelty has been presented by the allied aviator in this great offensive. French and British airmen have actually cooperated in infantry charges. They have swept over the battlefield as

low an altitude as 600 feet and some of the more daring have swooped over the struggling armies at as low a height as 300 feet. These airmen have signalled to the French artillery telephones the precise position of the German guns and the locations of the German forces waiting for the French assault. They have taken risks of being hit by the shells of their own guns, but according to the officers, every one escaped.

"Cinching His Job."

During his first week at work in the crockery shop Sam had carelessly broken a large vase. On pay day he was called into the manager's office.

"Half of your \$4 a week wages will be stopped," said the manager, "until you have paid for that \$30 vase."

"Sam grinned. 'Well, sir,' he remarked, 'it looks like I'm sure of a steady job, anyhow.'"

Criminal proceedings against Rosa Luxemburg and others were instituted about a year ago on account of alleged treasonable articles in the Monthly Internationale, which was suppressed by the German Government. She was subsequently released. In 1914 she was sentenced to serve a year in prison for accusing German officers of abusing private soldiers.

Fishermen, Notice!

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