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### RACY LETTER FROM EX-CONST. EDWARD HYNES

Another racy letter was received a couple of days ago from Mr. Edward Hynes, formerly of the Police Force here. He was very much pleased to note the success of the past spring's seal fishery and hopes the codfishery will prove to be equally successful to those who are left behind to prosecute it. He cannot help thinking that this cruel war has been a sad event for this country owing to the fact that so many of Terra Nova's brave boys rest beneath the waters of the Dardanelles, the North Sea and in Gallipoli, and other places, while many occupy unknown graves in the French Republic. Newfoundland he avers, has had a checkered history and quotes the Rev. Mr. Hudson as saying that the bravery of Newfoundlanders is admitted and unquestioned. This American authority observes they have answered to the call of Lincoln, traversed the dangers of the deep with Admiral Porter, tread the decks of Uncle Sam's victorious fleet under Farragut in Mobile Bay, were with the gallant Dewey at Manila and attested their fidelity to American citizenship on the waters of Santiago Bay as the Spanish fleet was destroyed by Schley and have proved to be loyal and good citizens of the great Republic.

He says he supposes that it is an adverse fate which has caused Terra Nova's children to be scattered in many countries and often imagines if no such emigration had happened and with the enterprise now evident his native land would be in the front rank industrially amongst the States and Dominions of the Western World. He does not believe with his correspondent that Uncle Samuel should have gone into the war and thinks he is well advised in eschewing emigration in this European debacle. He holds to the opinion already expressed in previous letters that America can be of better service out of the war than in it. Had she participated he thinks France would long ago have been a bleeding victim under the feet of a victorious Germany, and McCauley's New Zealander would have been showing a startled world that picture of the ruins of St. Paul's taken from an arch of London Bridge.

No, he thinks the early furnishing of munitions saved in great measure France and Britain. The great supplies of food, clothing, horses, mules &c. and greatly helped these nations to withstand the first onslaughts of the enemy. He says to-day before he wrote he attended a Solemn High Mass at the Charlestown Navy Yard for the Catholic commanders, officers, sailors, officials and people. There were 80,000 people present with thousands of U. S. Catholic seamen. Cardinal O'Connell of Boston was the celebrant of the Mass and the bells of 42 American warships pealed out at the most solemn part of the ceremonial, the consecration. He says it was a most imposing spectacle and one rarely witnessed even in the States. He still stoutly adheres to the impression already given by him that America is overwhelmingly pro-ally and if ever put to the proper test will prove herself.

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### French Theatrical Tour Through Switzerland

PARIS, June 6.—As a counterpoise to the recent tour of a German theatrical company in Holland, where they returned essentially having their clothing with them, packages of butter and other eatables sent to their own country, the most distinguished actors of the Theatre Francaise have been presenting some of the masterpieces of the French classical stage to audiences in Switzerland. They carried beyond the Jura and the Alps of Savoy to the snows of the Lake of Geneva and to the inhabitants of Bern, Zurich and Basle the glory of their illustrious house.

The Swiss gave a triumphal welcome to the interpreters of Corneille, and in Basle they had a semi-official reception, the head of the Department of Justice thanking them for coming.

"Just now," he said, "you have heard the applause of the public. It has shown you not only how great has been our admiration but how near our heart is to yours. Hearing your immortal Corneille, it seemed to us that we heard the voices of France mother of civilization."

"There is a good propaganda," declares the Paris Temps.

As She Expressed It.  
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### SOME FUNNY PLEAS MADE BY CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS BEFORE APPEAL TRIBUNALS.

Some peculiar excuses are offered against enlistment in the tribunals sitting in the Old Country. The following report of a tribunal session from the Westminster Gazette is illustrative:

At the Law Society section of London Appeal Tribunal recently, Mr. A. H. Richardson presiding, George Hogarth Ramsey, a Chelsea artist, who appealed on conscientious grounds, attended in Highland costume, the kilt being of a picturesque plaid.

His objections were contained in seven foolscap pages, which he read. The reading occupied a quarter of an hour.

"My brethren in Christ, belong to all nations," he said. "Some of them are in the armies of Britain's enemies, and I am forbidden to slay them." His duty to God's supreme Sovereignty.

The Chairman: Do you wish to call any witnesses?—I have called God as witness.

Do you wish to call any other witnesses?—No.

In dismissing the appeal the chairman said he saw no reason to disturb the decision of the local tribunal giving him non-combatant service.

Not of National Interest.  
A military appeal concerned the case of a young man employed as a ladies' blouse and shirt cutter, and fitted, by a West End (London) firm, the ground taken being that too long an extension was granted by the local tribunal.

The Chairman: What is it in the national interest that this man should be employed in cutting ladies' blouses instead of being in the army? The employers' representative: On the ground of financial hardship to the employer.

"That is not sufficient," rejoined the chairman. "It is for the employers to show that it is in the national interest for a man to remain in their employ."

The tribunal varied the order of the local tribunal and made a final extension to May 23.

A conscientious objector was unable to appear as he was suffering from German measles.

His brother appeared in his stead, but the chairman adjourned the case, remarking that the man himself was the only person who could satisfy them on conscientious grounds.

From Non-Combatant to Combatant.  
"The Germans wouldn't kill me," meekly remarked a young art student, who applied on conscientious grounds, in reply to a question by the chairman as to what action he would take if faced by enemy soldiers.

The Chairman: Is there anything exceptional about you that would have the effect of frightening them? Wouldn't you defend yourself and your relatives?—I should do what I thought right according to my conscience.

"I never heard a much less convincing appeal," said the chairman, in announcing that the certificate of the local tribunal giving appellant non-combatant service should be cancelled, with the result that the man became liable for combatant service.

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### BRITAIN'S ARMY IS MADE UP OF 83 DIVISIONS

Some Interesting Figures Given the House of Commons by Premier Asquith--The British Army of To-day Would Take 21 Days to Pass a Given Point.

LONDON, June 4.—Some interesting military statistics may be gleaned from the announcements made in the House of Commons by Premier Asquith, that the British Army, by comprising eighty-three divisions. This number, according to the Premier, includes India, but includes the Dominions. Excluding colonial troops the army consists of seventy-one divisions, including the naval division.

Eighty-three divisions of troops in the field comprise approximately 1,500,000 officers and men. Of the total number about 1,350,000 are combatants. Of the 15,000 odd thousand men comprising a regular British division about 14,000 are combatants. The non-combatants include army services, army ordnance and army medical corps which, while frequently called upon to fight, are not classed as fighting men.

The regular British army division is made up of three brigades of infantry, each brigade consisting of four battalions. In addition to the infantry who are the main fighting force of the army, there is, of course, the artillery which in the present war has shown conclusively to be second only in importance to the infantry.

Therefore, each division is equipped with three brigades of field artillery, comprising 105 officers and men, with eighty-four, eighteen pounder quick-firing guns. There is, besides a field artillery howitzer brigade with 775 officers and men, divided into three batteries of four guns each. The division is also given one heavy battery of 60-pounder guns. The strength of such a battery is 198 officers and men. There is divisional

artillery headquarters, an ammunition column for the heavy artillery, a divisional ammunition column, headquarters and two companies of field engineers, one signal company, a squadron of cavalry, a divisional train, supply columns, and three field ambulance companies.

Startling Figures.  
Attached to each infantry brigade of four battalions approximately 425 officers and men, is one of the army service corps companies, a bearer company and a field hospital.

The division as above constituted on a war footing numbers 18,673 officers and men, fifty-four 18 pounder guns, twelve howitzer and four 60 pounder guns, with forty-eight machine guns, according to 1914 establishment, and 5,592 horses.

Multiply the above figures by eighty-three and one will have the approximate strength of Britain's armies. The resulting total will not represent the entire strength of the military forces of Britain, for according to the Premier, the Empire's military effort since the commencement of the war has exceeded five million men. Allowing for killed and wounded and prisoners, there is still available after the complements of the eighty-three divisions have been made up a very substantial reserve, from which, of course, gaps are filled or new divisions made as occasion demands.

What This Really Means.  
But taking an eighty-three divisions the actual fighting strength of the British armies at the present moment it is found that this tremendous aggregation of force resolves itself into 1,349,350 officers and

and men, 4,432,138 pounder field guns, 966 howitzers, 332 60 pounder guns, 3,984 maxims and 464,136 horses.

In connection with the army forces it is of interest to note that as each infantry brigade is commanded by a full division on the march is nine miles long and takes approximately six hours to pass a given point. Therefore, were it possible for eighty-three divisions with all their supply columns and baggage trains, guns and ammunition columns to concentrate and march past one given point it would consume nearly twenty-one days to clear the point, not allowing for halts.

Such is a slight idea of the magnitude of the army of fighting men that has been raised since the beginning of the war. On the day that war was declared between Britain and Germany, Britain had at home we make and abroad just about twenty-six divisions. The naval strength of Britain at 16-day is estimated by army and navy journals at 650,000 officers and men afloat and ashore. This, of itself, is quite a respectable army.

"Not bad," replied the visitor, "but you can't hold a candle to the goods we make."

"Oh, are you in the same business?"

"No, we make gunpowder."