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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.

### ANOTHER NAVAL VICTORY

Early Sunday morning certain German warships set out from the Kiel base, and, under cover of darkness, sought to elude the British patrolling squadrons in the North Sea and make a sudden dash in the direction of the English coast. The ships selected for the duty were among the fastest in the German navy, showing that the murderous design in the minds of those responsible was to get close to the English coast, send a storm of shot and shell on unprotected towns and, if fortune smiled upon them, slay English women and babes and escape back to their base without being forced to meet the enemy in open battle.

Unfortunately for the German plans the British navy was vigilant, and Admiral Sir David Beatty's powerful squadron, composed of capital ships, of high speed and long range, sighted the marauders before they got sufficiently close to the coast to do damage. As might be expected the German vessels turned and fled at top speed. It was not their purpose to fight in such an issue could be avoided. The British vessels pursued and the net result of the engagement was that the cruiser Bluecher, of 15,500 tons, yet the smallest of the German squadron, was sent to the bottom, and it is believed two other heavier German battle-cruisers were badly damaged. The British lost no ships and had only eleven men wounded.

This, in brief, is the story of the latest British naval victory. Judging from the despatches it was not a spectacular contest, nor was the issue unexpected. The result was what it must always be when vessels of heavy gun power meet those of inferior size or fighting ability. It was the story of the sinking of the Good Hope with conditions reversed, it was the same tale as that which told of the swift and summary British vengeance exacted from the Goeben and her companion ships by the Intrepid Sturdee in Southern seas, it is the tale which will always be told when British ships and British men meet the enemy on anything like equal terms.

The fact that those in charge of the naval operations of Germany sent the German squadron forth to damage English coast towns at the risk of complete destruction, shows the desperation of the German cause. Had it been the intention to face the British fleet on the high seas the attack would have been made, not by four, but by all the available vessels which have hitherto found shelter under the guns of Kiel. Only four vessels were sent out, so the purpose of the design is apparent. This coupled with the attack on Hartlepool and the recent air raids on Yarmouth and other towns in Norfolk, should well prove heartening to the British people. More plainly than anything else does it evidence that Germany has reached the knowledge that she cannot defeat her enemies, and so is determined to inflict all the damage possible before she is finally crushed out. She is attempting to terrify those opposed to her, but she has once more reckoned incorrectly.

The British people cannot be stampeded or terrified. There may be poignant sorrow over the killing of innocent women and children, as in the case of Hartlepool and Yarmouth, there may be a temporary feeling of insecurity, aroused by the uncertainty surrounding the scene of the next attack, but there can be nothing that will in any way cause Britain to swerve from her purpose or turn back from the task to which she has set herself.

This being the case, it is difficult to see what Germany expects to gain by such ventures. The North Sea is well patrolled by British war vessels, as the battle of Sunday evidenced, and the futility of sending the average German warships against the leviathans flying the British flag must also be thoroughly understood in Berlin. That it is so understood is seen in the disinclination of Germany to risk the fate of her capital fleet, in a decisive naval action. Consequently such undertakings as that of Sunday, though eminently satisfactory to Britain and to the Empire, are nothing but suicidal in their effect upon the aims and desires of Berlin, and can only be explained on the ground of the desire to do as much mischief as possible before the Prussian power is forever crushed into the ground.

### THE WAR SITUATION

The dark days appear to be approaching for Germany. On every side the troops of the Allies are successfully prosecuting their attacks against the Kaiser's men and the prospect of Roumanian participation in the fighting looms so largely on the

horizon that Berlin has found it necessary to enter protest against the warlike preparations of the Balkan nation. At the same time there is internal trouble in Austria-Hungary and much discontent. Last night's despatches contained the information that German troops were being sent to the scene of war in Hungary and Austria, while Hungarians were taking their places in France. This may be a mere matter of strategy, but at the same time it seems to imply that Berlin does not repose implicit confidence in the quality or intention of the Hungarian soldiers. It must not be forgotten that in the Hungarian army there is a large proportion of men owing allegiance to the Slavic race who, racially, have more in common with their foes than their friends. There is a closer affinity between the Hungarian Slav and his Russian cousin than between the Hungarian and the Prussian. Already reports have come forward of Hungarian regiments surrendering to the oncoming Muscovites and being warmly welcomed by friends in the ranks of the Czar's troops. In many cases there is almost a blood tie between them and it would appear from the most recent decision of the Prussian military authorities that there is some fear this may militate against their zeal for the Prussian cause.

The fighting in France and Flanders still continues to be largely an artillery duel, but the fact that the Germans contemplate a vigorous counter-offensive against the French in Alsace indicates that Berlin sees a very real danger to be grappled with in that quarter. In the east, it is reported that the Russians are again advancing in force on the extreme north of their lines and are carrying all before them. This campaign is expected to have an effect on the whole Russian movement and, in fact, it is the opinion of military observers that the Muscovite forces will very soon be across the German border and pressing with full speed toward Berlin. Having once vanquished the German army facing them on the boundary the Russian path to Berlin will be found easier than that which Britain and France must travel. Germany has fortresses along her eastern frontier but they are not to be compared either for strength or number to those opposing the enemy on the western line of march. Germany had never expected trouble from Russia, but since the Franco-Prussian war there was a belief that some day France would seek to regain the two provinces which were lost to her on that occasion. Consequently it was against such an attempt that Germany prepared. That very fact is likely to be her undoing when the Muscovite hordes get fairly over the border and on the way to the German capital.

### NEW ZEALAND AGAIN TO FORE.

Canadians must again doff their hats to New Zealand. The battle cruiser contributed to the Imperial navy by the government and people of the antipodean sister nation has once more been privileged to share in a triumph of British arms. When the British vessels put the Germans to rout in the fight off Heligoland the New Zealand was in the British battle line; on Sunday, again, she formed one of Vice Admiral Sir David Beatty's squadron, and beyond doubt bore herself well.

Canada heartily congratulates New Zealand on the fortunate circumstance which permitted her to make such a splendid contribution to the navy of the Empire, a contribution which, in the only two important battles fought in the North Sea, has undoubtedly proved its value. At the same time there will be not a little sorrow throughout this Dominion over the fact that had it not been for the unpatriotic attitude of the Grits led by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and the action of the partisan majority in the Senate in strangling Sir Robert Borden's naval aid proposition, this country would have been represented in the Empire battle line, not alone by one, but by three of the largest and finest ships which science could build or money could buy. In the meantime it is New Zealand's turn and there will be none to begrudge it to her.

### POPULAR I.C.R. MAN DIED LAST NIGHT

Moncton, Jan. 24.—C. W. Burnyeat, one of the best known citizens of Moncton, and well known I. C. R. man, connected with the official staff, passed away suddenly Saturday night, following a stroke of apoplexy. Deceased was 61 years of age, was a native of Truro, and had been in the I. C. R. service many years.

## Little Benny's Note Book.

BY LEE PAPE.

Mary Watkins' cousin Bertha is still staying with her at her house. Bertha being even prittier than wat Mary Watkins is, wich you woodent think it was possibl, ony it is, and this afternoon I was setting awn Mary Watkins frunt steps tawking to both of them but especially to Bertha, and aftir a wile Mary Watkins sed, I bet you dont no wat Bertha did this mornin.

Now dont tell eny talls, sed Bertha. She spilt her milk awl ovr the tabliklawth at breakfst, sed Mary Watkins. Thats nothing, I sed, thats ony a axatdent. I nevvr do it, sed Mary Watkins.

And I kepp awn setting there, setting neerir to Bertha than I was to Mary Watkins, and aftir a wile she sed, I bet you dont no wat Bertha did late nite. Mary, yure orill, sed Bertha. She cried because she had to go to bed befor she wuntid to, sed Mary Watkins.

Wat of it, I sed, girls are suposed to cry. I nevvr do, sed Mary Watkins. I wood if I was a girl, I sed. Wich I properly wood, awn akkount of doing it enyhow wuntis in a wile, and I kepp awn setting there, and aftir a wile Mary Watkins sed, Bertha has to have her napkin tyed around her neck because she spills things awn herself. Thats nothing, so do I, I sed. Wich I do and Mary Watkins sed, Im going in. And she went in the house leaving me and Bertha setting out there tawking awn 2 cushions.

### BLOOD-GUILTY

By Frederick George Scott.  
(Canon Scott is rector of St. Matthew's Church, Quebec City, and chaplain of the Eighth Regiment, Royal Rifles, of Quebec. He is now at Salisbury Plains, England, as chaplain with the Fourteenth Battalion, Canadian Overseas Force.)

The brand of Cain is on your brow,

Emperor!

A crown of gold may hide it now,

Emperor!

But when the day of reckoning comes,

When flags are furled and hushed the drums,

When labor goes with bruised hands

To plough aere more the blood-stained lands,

A people's wrath will rend the skies

And topple down your dynasties,

Emperor!

In vain you call upon the Lord,

Emperor!

You boast of honor and the sword,

Emperor!

What god will bless the hideous flood

Which drowns the world in human blood?

The vengeance of a broken trust

Will grind your empire in the dust,

Till Hohenzollern crowns are cast

Upon the refuse of the past,

Emperor!

The cries of multitudes unfed,

Emperor!

The curses of the millions dead,

Emperor!

Will these not heap on you the scorn

Of generations yet unborn?

Are there no murmurs in your ear

Of rebellion drawing near?

The fingers of a hand that write

Inscribe your doom upon the night,

Emperor!

### CONDEMNS ACTION

#### OF COMMISSIONERS

Rev. W. H. Barracough strongly scores cutting of grant to organizations.

In Centenary Church last evening Rev. Mr. Barracough in the course of his sermon condemned the action of the city commissioners in cutting out the grants to various city organizations. "There is," said he, "the cant that calls for more police protection and the better administration of justice, but it would be far better for support to be given to the playgrounds and the free kindergarten."

He pointed out that the teaching received by the children in the playgrounds and the kindergartens would help to make them law abiding citizens. Rev. Mr. Barracough took for his subject "Brotherliness" and pointed out the different ways in which the older member of the community could assist in the moulding of the children. He advised that the citizens hold an indignation meeting against the action of the city commissioners in cutting off these grants.

### CANADIANS ON THE EMPIRE'S HONOR ROLL

Ottawa, Jan. 24.—The following casualty list among the Canadian force in France and at Salisbury Plain was announced by the Military Department: (Previously reported unofficially as killed in action, now confirmed.) Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

January 8.—Lance Corporal Norman Fry, next of kin, John Norman, North street, Wilton, Wilts, Eng.

January 8.—Lance Corporal H. G. Bellinger, next of kin, Mrs. Bellinger, 60 Nelson street, Ottawa.

January 23.—Private J. K. Chandler, Fourteenth Battalion, at Bulford Cottage Hospital, of meningitis, next of kin, Mrs. L. Chandler, Villafranca, Hastings, Christ Church, Barbados, W. I.

Wounded.

Bugler Henry Bayliss, P. P. C. L. I. Next of kin, Mrs. E. Bayliss, 24 Victoria street, Lytham, Lancs, Eng.

Seriously ill.

Private Douglas Leach, P. P. C. L. I. in hospital at Boulogne, with meningitis. Next of kin, Mrs. Darley, Spring Court, Calgary, Alta.

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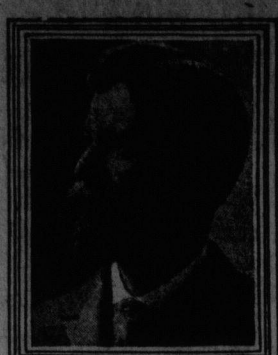
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### To Abolish Death Penalty.



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An organization has been incorporated in New York having as its object the abolition of the death penalty in the Empire State. Many well known men and women are numbered among its members. The new organization is incorporated under the name of the Anti-Capital Punishment Society. George Foster Peabody has been elected president. The movement is being opposed by Governor Whitman.

## THE DACIA IS STILL AT GALVESTON

Galveston, Texas, Jan. 24.—The steamship Dacia, loaded with cotton for Rotterdam, did not depart today, as was expected. Geo. McDonald, her captain, said weather conditions were still unfavorable. Her agent said the time of the steamer's departure is now the problem of her master.

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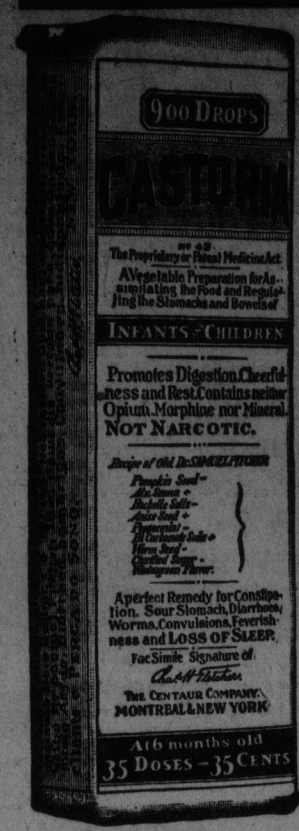
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