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It was no wonderful victory on the field of battle which brought the highest tribute to the 73rd. It was a harder test than that. It was a test that measured the discipline of the men, and found it high. So high was this standard in fact, that Emperor William I. of Germany, ordered the story to be read to all his soldiers on three parades. Most of the soldiers on the Birkenhead when she went down were of the 73rd. Everyone knows the story in a general way. But it is one that will always be worth retelling.

After leaving Canada the regiment was stationed in Great Britain for some time, leaving in 1845 for South Africa. On the way the transports stopped at Montevideo and for six months defended the city against a besieging Argentine force. Then they continued their journey. A tribute was paid to the regiment by the Duke of Wellington for the coolness shown by the officers and the men at a time of great danger when a terrible storm was encountered at the mouth of Great Fish River. For the next two years the regiment was employed in assisting in quelling the rising of the Kafirs. In 1850 there was another rising.

CAN DIE BRAVELY

The Birkenhead was transporting some 500 soldiers from various regiments to South Africa to reinforce the troops there. At 2 a.m. on February 26 she struck a rock in Simon's Bay. The soldiers were immediately formed up on the quarter-deck and the women and children were passed into the boats. Ten minutes after the vessel struck she broke in two, and finally the captain advised all to jump overboard and swim for their lives. The officers impressed on the men, however, that this would endanger the lives of the women and children in the boats and all stood firm in the ranks while the vessel sank. Three hundred and fifty-seven were drowned. The 73rd suffered fifty-six deaths, the largest number lost by any regiment on board.

That, in briefest outlines is the story. The men of the 73rd, and the other regiments showed that they could die bravely in those days, that they could stand firm and watch death come crawling up at them.

FIRST CIVIC HOLIDAY.

Kerwood Will be accompanied by Strathroy on Trip to Huron Beach.

Kerwood, August 12—Kerwood is looking forward eagerly to Aug. 18, the town's first civic holiday. The Board of Trade has chartered a special train to carry an excursion crowd to Huron Beach. A good programme of sports has been prepared for the day. These will be run off in the morning owing to the fact that Sarnia is holding a monster patriotic meeting in the afternoon. It is expected that a large crowd from Strathroy will accompany the Kerwood people on their trip to the beach. One attraction will be a tug-of-war between nine Strathroy men

and nine from Kerwood.

A patriotic circle has been organized here and the ladies who belong to it are making supplies for the soldiers in large quantities. A successful tea was held yesterday, the proceeds going to the fund for purchasing soldiers' comforts.

A pretty embroidered centrepiece was sold by ticket for \$100 and the proceeds used in buying delicacies for the soldiers.

STANDARD SCORES OVER PANICKY COTTON WRITERS

Many of Them Are Not Wholly Disinterested, It Is Felt.

London, Aug. 12.—"If the speakers are professionally connected with the cotton industry," says The Standard in an editorial regarding last night's cotton meeting, "they may increase the suspicion that their zeal is inspired by a desire to promote the interests not so much of the allied cause as those of the county of Lancaster."

The Standard declares that it is unnecessary for distinguished scientists and press agitators to tell England that cotton is an important constituent of modern explosives and that the more Germany gets of it, the longer the war will last, but it says that it found a solution of the cotton problem difficult. The newspaper, however, advocates declaring the textile contraband and adopting the doctrine of continuous voyage, which it thinks would improve the situation.

"No American jurist," says The Standard, "would contest our right to take this step for to do so would be to repudiate the principles asserted by his own government in the past and no sensible American could object to this simple assertion of belligerent rights."

The Daily Graphic speaking of the remedy proposed at the meeting—that Great Britain buy the American crops—says:

"The Americans are emphatically opposed to it. Therefore if the proposal is made solely in American interests, it is useless to press it further."

SERBIA'S ATTITUDE HAS DISCOURAGING EFFECT IN LONDON

Present Answer, It Is Hoped, Will Not be Final.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

London, Aug. 12.—The Balkan situation is featured by the morning papers both in their news columns and editorially. Serbia's unwillingness to cede territory claimed by Bulgaria, which will be necessary to insure active co-operation by Bulgaria on the side of the allies, has had a discouraging effect. "These little states," says The Graphic, "are much more concerned with their own quarrels than with the gigantic struggle between the Teutonic powers and the allies. They are so intent on quarrelling that they refuse to take joint action against a common peril."

After expressing profound admiration for the courage of the Serbians, the Express says: "They will be ill-advised if they allow any exaggerated care for their self-esteem to hinder a settlement with Bulgaria which must materially hasten the end of the war. The fall of Constantinople means the breaking up of the Austro-Hungarian empire."

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The Mail expresses the hope that the meeting of the Serbian parliament here and the ladies who belong to it are making supplies for the soldiers in large quantities. A successful tea was held yesterday, the proceeds going to the fund for purchasing soldiers' comforts.

Both political and strategic considerations, says the Daily News, makes Bulgaria the deciding factor in the Balkan situation and the closing of the discussion between Nish and Sofia would be unfortunate in the extreme.

Criminal carelessness and manslaughter were charged in connection with Eastland disaster in Chicago.

The French asserted that their prisoners of war had been unjustly sent by the Germans to the Hanoverian swamps.

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