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Talks By Tiberius.

(No. 1)
"This Our Country."

There is a man with soul so dead,
That never to himself hath said:—
"This is my home, my native land."

He muses the poet. So muse we all,
Of country can be as serious a
matter as any other sacred thing, and
devotional. The Yankees sing,
"My Country 'Tis of Thee." The saints
sing, "Jerusalem the golden with milk
and honey blest." The devout Jew
chants in solemn refrain, "Let my
land forget her cunning if I forget
thee, O Jerusalem." The German is
passionately devoted to the "Father-
land," the Britisher to the "Mother-
land," the Australian to the "Land
of the Kangaroo," the Canadian to
the "Maple Leaf for Ever," and so on.

The Newfoundlanders, however, would
fain hope to be as strenuously
intelligently thoughtful for New-
foundland. The greatest advertise-
ment of the land of promise, the key
to the heart of Canada, Britain's old-
est and most loyal Colony is the New-
foundland. Let him breathe the
ethereal soul's aspiring word, and
those who know so little of it, but
who think they know so much, and in
their knowing ignorance speak of
it as the forest surrounding St. John's
will come to realize that here
is a mean city. Some one has that
made man in his own image; but
the public is made by newspapers;
members of Parliament, excise officers,
and poor-law-guardians. "Is it
not also true that newspapers, mem-
bers of Parliament, excise officers, and
poor-law-guardians are made by the
public. The law of political economy
states not only that Demand creates
Supply, but that Supply creates De-
mand. A lady out shopping is often
asked to buy things, not because
she needs them, but because she
needs them. The business sign
which alive shop-keepers will insist
upon showing to her is a special line
of goods. The supply governing the
demand. So we find that very
often, the public makes the newspaper,
the member of Parliament, the cus-
tomer, the officer, or the relieving officer,
these elements, politically are called
the country, and the public make the

country what it is. The old adage,
"Give a dog a bad name and it will
stick to it," is still true. Newfound-
land will be as precious ornament
poured forth when Newfoundlanders
give fragrance and nobility to the
speaking of their country. In these
days in which Democracy is King,
and every illiterate may have as much
power, politically, as the University
President; when in his own right, a
right which none will challenge, the
humblest and weakest in the realm,
by his vote decides the destiny and
welfare or otherwise of his fellow-
beings, it needs to be particularly
emphasized that the public make the
country. The same kindly providence
which prepares conditions for people
out West or farther East, where grain
and gold contend in glorious com-
mercial expression and welfare; also
controls the sky over our heads, and
the sea around our shores, and the
rocks and minerals in our land, and
the thousand and one possibilities of
our Island Home. We individually
need to work in sympathetic and co-
operative effort to realize for our
land, as much, if not more, than other
people realize for their lands.

Our Land is as Much to Us

As other lands are to those who live
there. Whence does this love of our
country, this universal passion pro-
ceed? Why does the eye ever dwell
with fondness upon the scenes of in-
fant life? Why do we breathe with
greater joy the breath of our youth?
Why are not other soils as grateful
and other suns as gay? Why does the
soul of man ever cling to that earth
where it first knew pleasure and pain,
and, under the rough discipline of the
passions was roused to the vigility of
moral life? Is it only that our coun-
try contains our kindred and our
friends? And is it nothing but a name
for our social affections? . . . It
cannot be this; the most friendless
of human beings has a country which he
adores and extols, and which he
would, in the same circumstances pre-
fer to all others under heaven. Tempt
him with the fairest place of nature,
place him by living waters under the
shadowy trees of Lebanon, open to his
view all the gorgeous allurements of

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the climates of the sun—he will love
the rocks and deserts of his child-
hood better than all these, and thou
canst not bribe his soul to forget the
land of his nativity; he will sit down
and weep by the waters of Babylon
when he remembers thee Oh, Zion.

A wide diffusion of this spirit, a
deep and abiding consciousness of it
and Newfoundland will stand forth
fair as the morning bright as the
noonday, terrible as an Army with
Banners.

You will occasionally meet a Cana-
dian who sees no good thing come out
of Canada or an "American" who sees
the spots in the sun abiding which
shines on "Old Glory," or an English-
man who views the fair fields of that
lovely country with mistrust and pes-
simism. When you do, you meet an
enemy to the best interests of each
respective country. Shun him as you
would a plague, learn not his ways.
Always speak well of your own coun-
try, so shall you not share in the in-
dignity of those who go down to their
graves; "Unwept, unhonoured and
unsung." We do not argue Newfound-
land for Newfoundlanders and limit
it to such narrow bounds; but we
would have every son of Terra Nova
feel, that there is no place like
"Home." It is as much to the point
that every member of the crew stick
to the ship as that the Captain be the
last to leave her. She sails better when
the crew is loyal to a man. We expect
our Governor, or Ministers of State
and Politicians; our Business men
and Professional men, to give to and
for the good of the Homeland; the
ideal State is where every man places
Country before Self, and makes his
personal contribution thereto.
Shall we have an Old Home Week
in 1920?

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Mother! You must say "Califor-
nia."

On the Cathedral Steps.

(From the British Weekly.)
"A year ago," writes a city corre-
spondent, "I stood with a little crowd
before St. Paul's Cathedral awaiting
the signals that proclaimed the sign-
ing of the Armistice. Then the ma-
jorities that had so often struck terror
to our hearts thrilled us with joy.
To-day they called us to silent rever-
ence. At ten minutes to eleven the
Cathedral steps were thronged with
city people, while outside the railings
they formed a solid ring. On the first
stroke of eleven every man's head
was bowed, the bleak wind parting the
thin silver hair of age and ruffling
the thick brown locks of youth;
every woman bent reverently; traffic
ceased, and in the great hush while
London held her breath we heard the
swish and beat of the Cathedral
pigeons' wings as they circled round
and round—an omen as beautiful as
the day's sunshine. When the pause
was over, a clear voice gave out the
first verse of 'O God, our help in ages
past,' and the people took it up, first
tremblingly and haltingly, then
stronger and stronger as each encour-
aged each. Then the last verse, 'Be-
Thou our Guard when troubles last,
and our eternal home.' Tears stood
in many eyes as they finished, and the
lips quivered. 'Now let us sing the
Doxology,' and then those in the
street halted again to listen to the
voice of the great concourse singing
'God Save the King.'"

THE NUMBER OF OUR DAYS.

The following is one of the well
authenticated calculations in use
among Life Insurance companies
showing the average length of life at
various ages.

The first line represents the pre-
sent ages of persons of average health,
and the second line the number of
years they will give up to live. These
figures have been the result of care-
ful calculation and seldom prove mis-
leading. Of course sudden and pre-
mature deaths occasionally occur, but
this is the average expectancy of life
of an ordinary man or woman.
Age:—1, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80.
More years to live:—39, 51, 41, 24,
28, 21, 14, 9, 4.

The Japanese always dry their
white silks in a dark room. This pre-
vents them turning yellow.

Culled From All Sources.

A black opal find at Tintenbar, Aus-
tralia, has caused great excitement.
One hundred claims have been pegged
out.

"The Prince of Wales went to Hal-
fax without any suggestion from any-
one in the United States," remarks
the Boston Globe.

Holding the War-time Prohibition
Act unconstitutional, Federal District
Judge Foster at New Orleans, yester-
day, granted an injunction restraining
Govt. officials from interfering
with the sale by the Henry Lelzels
Liquor Company of bonded liquor held
in warehouses there.

A Herts (G.B.) farmer declares that
the best way to catch rats is to place
a 36 gallon barrel containing food in
the farmyard. The rats go up a ladder
at the top of which is a balance stick
which tumbles them into the barrel.
He says he has caught fifty in one
day this way.

In reference to the recently cabled
appointment of a lady food inspector
by the Bermudez, Great Britain,
Council, to keep track of shopkeeping
profiteers, this lady started her duties
last week. Her advent resulted in her
being chased by newspaper photo-
graphers, and she was obliged to es-
cape by scrambling over a wall.

Near the St. Lawrence River, in
Canada, there is a water-slide three
miles long for conveying pulp-wood
to the railway. It is capable of moving
nearly 1,000 cubic feet of wood per
hour. The company operating this
slide had at one time a pile of pulp-
wood 1,000 feet long, 20 feet high, and
40 feet wide, all of which had been
transported from the woods to the
railway by this novel method. One
company have on one of their jobs a
water-slide seven miles long, by which
their pulp stock is carried to the river,
whence it is driven to their mills.

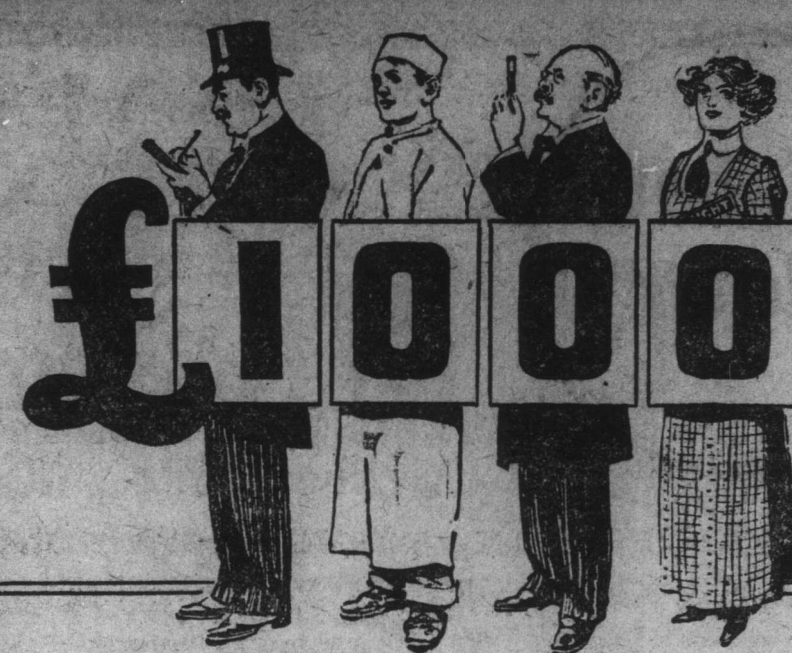
The largest mass of ice in the world
is probably the one which fills up
nearly the whole of the interior of
Greenland, where it has accumulated
since before the dawn of history. It is
believed to form a block 600,000 square
miles in area, and to average a mile
and a half in thickness. According to
these statistics the lump of ice is
larger in volume than the whole body
of water in the Mediterranean; and
there is enough of it to cover the United
Kingdom of Great Britain and Ire-
land with a layer about seven miles
thick.

In the Harlem, New York court,
Magistrate Raphael Tobia was called
upon to decide the ownership of Daisy,
a little white poodle dog. Daisy, which
raised a great rumpus in the court
room, was claimed by Charles Irovitch
and Harry Rothstein. To settle the af-
fair, the magistrate placed the disputa-
nts on opposite sides of the room and
had them each call Daisy. Rothstein
called first and the dog came non-
chalantly. When Irovitch called the
dog came running, apparently over-
joyed. So Daisy was awarded the lat-
tor. Both men left the court fast
friends.

Among the civilians in the Ameri-
can occupied area complaints, origin-
ating with the German men, are often
heard to the effect that the American
soldiers are "spoiling" the German
girls by heaping luxuries upon them
and by spending money recklessly for
presents, wines and good things to eat.
Since the anti-fraternization regula-
tion was revoked by army headquar-
ters several weeks ago, the cafes in
Coblenz have been crowded each night
with soldiers and frauleins, and many
of the German men have openly as-
serted that the Americans were entirely
too considerate of the German women
and girls.

A Tobermory, G.B., message says
that Miss Navior, for the second time,
indulged in deep sea diving. She de-
scended at 3 p.m. from a pontoon in
six and one-half fathoms at high water.
During her descent and the half-hour
she was below she showed herself an
apt pupil. Only once had Diver Mac-
kenzie an anxious moment regarding
her. It was when a stream of bubbles
became invisible, as she got immedi-
ately under the pontoon. At the bottom
she found herself among masses of
small fish, and she was asked whether
a basket should be sent down. She had
experiences then of climbing a steep
incline and of falling into an excava-
tion, but she ultimately extricated her-
self.

Because Miss Linda A. Wotring,
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wot-
ring of Allentown, Pa., looked like
his dead wife, she became the bride
of John Kohler, of Kutztown. The
marriage was the result of an unusual
romance. Ten weeks ago they had
never heard of each other. Then a
friend of Miss Wotring told her she
was the exact image of the first wife
of Mr. Kohler, who was a young wid-
ower, bereaved just before the war.
This friend had also told Mr. Kohler
that in Miss Wotring was a young lady
who was a duplicate of his deceased
wife. He became curious and sought
an introduction. He found the resem-
blance true as to looks, figure, voice
and even gesture. The young people
fell in love at first sight, and in a few
days their engagement was announ-
ced.



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