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Lt. Com. Wedgwood, Liberal Member in House of Commons, Tells Story of Gallipoli Horror—'Twas the Munsters With Sprig of Shamrocks in Their Caps That Charged First'—All Round the Wounded and Dying Cried For Help—Many V.C.'s Won That Day

LONDON, Dec. 10.—"Our school books told us that the bloodiest battle in history was that between the Confederates and Federals at Sharpsburg during the American Civil War, when one-third of all the men engaged were left on the field. But Sharpsburg was a joy ride compared with Seddul-Bahr."

Thus begins an account of the Gallipoli adventure by Lieutenant Commander Josiah Wedgwood, the Liberal member of parliament, who has made the House of Commons ring with criticism of the Dardanelles campaign since he returned with special mention for bravery and the coveted striped ribbon of the Distinguished Service Order.

Lieutenant Commander Wedgwood had his first view of the fighting at the Dardanelles at the so-called V beach, where the steamship River Clyde was run aground to furnish cover for the attempted landing.

"This old 'wooden horse of Troy,'" narrates Mr. Wedgwood, "was run ashore on a flawless Sunday morning, 400 yards from the medieval castle of Seddul-Bahr. I never noticed the grounding, for the horror in the water, on the beach. Five tows of five boats each loaded with men were going ashore alongside of us. One moment it had been early morning in a peaceful country, with thoughts of snails of cows and hay and milk; and the next while the boats were just twenty yards from the shore the blue sea around each boat was turning red. Is there anything more horrible than to see men wading through water waist high under a heavy fire? You see where each bullet, hits the water, which, like a nightmar, holds back the man for the next shot, which will not miss. Of all those brave men two-thirds died, and hardly a dozen reached unscathed the shelter of the five-foot sand dune.

"About 9 o'clock a dash across the row of lighters from the Wooden Horse was led by General Napier and his brigade major.

"It was the Munsters that charged first, with a sprig of shamrock on their caps; then the Dublins, the Worcesters, the Hampshire. Lying on the beach, on the rocks, on the lighters, they cried to the mother of God. There, now, was Midshipman Drury swimming to the lighter, which had broken loose, with a line in his mouth and a wound in his head. If ever a boy deserved his V.C. that had did.

"All these things I saw as a dream as I moved from casemate to casemate, watching to see Turks, wearing an 'election smile' and trying to pretend in an even voice to men who had never seen death that this was the best of all possible worlds. Columns of smoke rose from the castle and town of Seddul-Bahr as the great shells from the fleet passed over our heads and burst, and in every lull we heard the wounded.

"At 1 o'clock I got 20,000 more rounds from the fleet, and the Lancashire were appearing over the ridge to the left from Lancashire landing. We saw fifteen men in a window in a window in the castle on the right by the water. The signalled that they were all that remained of the Dublins who had landed at the Chamber at Seddul-Bahr. At 3 o'clock we got 150 men alive to shore. We watched our men working to the right and up into the castle ruins—at each corner the officer crouching in front with revolver in rest. One watched them through the fire zone and held one's breath and pressed the button of the Maxim.

"When night came a house in Seddul-Bahr was burning brightly and there was a full moon. We disembarked men at once. All around the wounded cried for help and shelter against the bullets, but there was no room on boats or gangway for anything but the men to come to shore.

"You must remember that for two nights no one had slept, and then another day dawned. We were firmly ashore at Lancashire landing, and Dr. Toft's battery to the northeast, and the Australians were dug in at Anzac. An end had to be made of V beach. The whole fleet collected and all morning blew the ridge and castle and town to pieces.

"And all the time that wonderful infantry went forward up the hill and through the ruined town. The troops that went in that attack had already lost half their strength; the officers that led up those narrow streets were nearly all killed. Dead boat, at 1

o'clock, before the final rush, they hesitated. Then our last colonel, a staff man, Colonel Doughty Wylie, ran ashore with a cane, ran right up the hill, ran through the last handful of men sheltering under the crest, took them with that rush into the trench, and fell with a bullet through his head. But the Turks ran and the ridge was ours."

## Theodore's Tender Heart

TORONTO, Dec. 8.—"I can't do it. I cannot possibly come till the war is over," said Col. Roosevelt to F. H. Deacon, who had called on the ex-president at Oyster Bay, to urge him to accept the invitation of the club to address them.

"Mr. Deacon put in that the address could easily be made on some other subject than war.

"I cannot speak," declared Col. Roosevelt, "except on what is in my heart, and the thing that is in my heart now is war. I am criticizing our government in my own country and I cannot do so elsewhere."

Then Mr. Deacon referred to the address given by Mr. Barron, of the Wall Street Journal, in Toronto, and to the effect such words had in cementing the friendly relations of Canada and the United States. Mr. Barron, he said, had shown how much the United States was contributing to the cause of the allies.

"You cannot buy honor with money," cried Col. Roosevelt with intense heat. "I, too, could make a good defense of the United States."

"Nothing," he said, "would please me more than a visit to Toronto, but I cannot trust myself. I would certainly say what would be unwise to say."

The ex-president insisted on the completeness with which the war filled his heart and mind.

Mr. Deacon asked him what he thought of Andrew Carnegie, who had spoken in Toronto some time ago.

"Col. Roosevelt replied that he did not think much of Carnegie. "He ought to be home in Scotland," he said.

## PURE BUNK.

Jacob S. Coxe, the General' Coxe of 'Coxey's Army,' says that Admiral Ford's peace voyage is "al bunk, and pure bunk." If there is man in the country to-day qualified to pass judgment on bunk it certainly is this Jacob Coxe.—Rochester, N.Y., Post Express.

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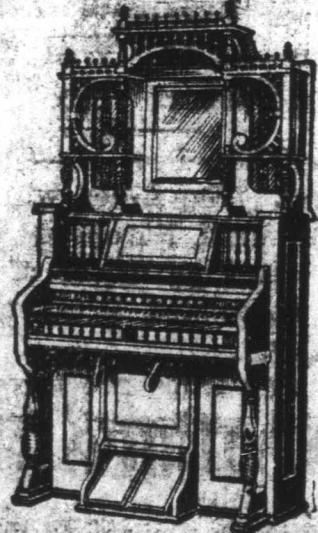
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## Relations of Italy With the Papacy

ROME, Dec. 7.—"The law of guarantees (regulating the status of the papacy in Rome) cannot be regarded as having resulted from negotiations between Italy and the papacy, but Italy, nevertheless, upholds its loyalty as one of the fundamental laws of the state, without expecting any return from the papacy," said Signor Orlando, minister of justice, in his reply in the chamber of deputies to-day to the allocation of Pope Benedict. The minister spoke in particular reference to the statement of the Pope that certain ambassadors and ministers accredited to the holy see had been obliged to have the vatican in order to preserve their dignity and the prerogatives of their office.

Signor Orlando insisted that the ambassadors and ministers to the holy see who departed when Italy entered the war, did so of their own free will, after they had been assured they were at liberty to remain without molestation or interference with their prerogatives.

"If, however, they wish to make it appear that they were forced to leave, that is their affair," the minister continued. "It is greatly to the credit of Italy that during this unprecedented upheaval the papacy has been able to maintain its prestige through the world.

"Cardinals from belligerent countries, including Germany, have been permitted to travel through Italy and gather here for the consistory without molestation. The same thing cannot be said of other nations."

The chamber applauded this last remark of the minister, which was intended as a reference to the report that Cardinal Mercier, primate of Belgium, had refrained from coming to Rome for the consistory on account of restrictions imposed by the German authorities.

## "DE SUN AM BOUN' TO SHINE."

Oh, de win, am sighin' mournful  
In de hollows ob de eaves,  
An' de birds am chirpin' softly  
In der nests among de leaves;  
All de bees am flyin' homeward  
An' de clouds am floatin' by,  
While de lightnin' comes a-steppin'  
Down de pathway ob de sky;  
But de insects am a-chantin'  
In de wamin'-glory vine,  
Oh, de Lawd am in his heabens,  
An' de sun am boun' to shine!"

All de trees dey am a-weepin'  
An' der heads am bendin' low,  
While de grass down in de meadow  
Am a-tossin' to and fro;  
Low de cawn tops am a-rockin'  
An' a-wailin' in de win'  
Like de moun'ns at camp meetin'  
When dey's grievin' fo' der sin.  
But de crickets keeps a-chirpin'  
In de scarlet trumpet vine,  
Oh, de Lawd am in his heabens,  
An' de sun am boun' to shine!"

By and by a little sunbeam  
Comes a-peepin' from de cloud;  
Den de robin stant to singin'  
Like he's feelin' mighty proud;  
An' de sound ob fairy music  
Comes a-floatin' on de breeze,  
An' de leaves, dey stant to dancin'  
And de rainbow gib de sign  
Dat "de Lawd am in his heabens  
An' de sun am boun' to shine!"  
—Julia R. Galloway, in the Western Christian Advocate.

## I'm It

They are telling a funny anecdote about ex-President Taft, who, as is well known, is noted for his stoutness. Mr. Taft had been on a visit to a distant town, and found that he could not get back home that night unless he managed to stop a through express train. Being a man of great resource, he telegraphed to headquarters: "Will you stop the through express at Somerville to take on large party?" The railway people thought they were in for a "good thing," and wired back: "Yes."

At Somerville the express was duly brought to a standstill, and Mr. Taft prepared to get on board.

"Where's the large party I was to take on?" asked the guard of Mr. Taft.

"I'm it," replied the ex-President, with a smile. "That's all."

Of course the guard was furious, but Mr. Taft caught the train he wanted, and after all, he had only spoke the truth.

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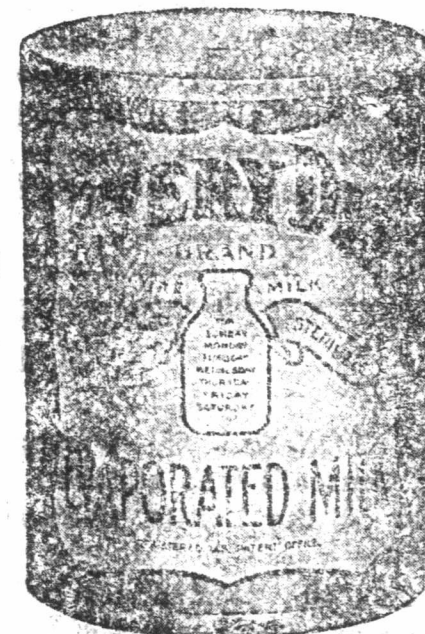
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