

New Account of Nelson's Victory.

PORT OF TRAFALGAR RETOLD.

On the one hundred and sixteenth anniversary of the great sea fight of Trafalgar—Oct. 21—a new account, by Capt. Andrew Green, of R.M.S. Neptune, of the defeat of the French and Spanish fleets was published in English and says the New York Times. The account was discovered by Lord Lascelles, great grandson of Captain Fremantle, of the Neptune, in looking over neglected family papers, although considerably more than one hundred years have passed since Trafalgar. Nelson's plan of battle is still subject of discussion in naval circles. In 1913 an Admiralty committee, with Admiral Sir Cyprian Bridge as chairman, made an inquiry into the conduct of the battle of the ships in the engagement. Existing models and diagrams seemed to indicate, in the opinion of some critics, that Nelson's captains did not always understand the positions assigned to them. The committee, after a full inquiry, concluded, on all the evidence available, that the diagrams were faulty in not showing the real places of ships in the attacking fleet; also that the divisions were formed in two lines ahead, which had been questioned.

Collingwood's Impatience.

Collingwood, it is said, would have preferred "to line of bearing rather than a line ahead," but Nelson's tactics were strategically sounder, as the report proved. In a note to Southey's "Life of Nelson" it is said that when the signal began to go up for the admiral's signal, "England expects that every man will do his duty," Collingwood, not knowing what the signal to the fleet was going to be, exclaimed impatiently: "I wish Nelson would make no more signals; he'll know what we have to do." When the signal was translated, Collingwood was delighted with his old friend's appeal; but the story indicates that a good many signals had been down. It may have been the case that some captains went on bit confused as the curtain went up on the most dramatic of sea fights, Lieut. Green's story of Trafalgar is in the form of notes taken every ten or fifteen minutes during the engagement. It seems to corroborate the judgment of the Admiralty committee, that the British captains knew what they were about when going into action, and that the formation signaled by Nelson was in two lines ahead and directed against the far-flung line of battle of the French and Spaniards to fight in two.

Valor of Foe Unrecognized.

But there is nothing in Lieut. Green's version to show how gallant, in individual cases, how heroically the enemy fought the forlornest of battles against the superlative skill of Nelson and the efficiency of his carefully trained crews. Southey, in his classic short study of Nelson's career, does not recognize the valor of the foe although his book was published eight years after Trafalgar. The anniversary interest in England, quickened by the discovery of Lieut. Green's notes, recalls the centenary celebration in England in 1905, when French naval officers came to London as guests of the nation. French and Spanish colors were shown in every town in the British Isles, and the toast drunk at the banquet on the Victory at Portsmouth was: "To the memory of those who were brave and noble and fell, whether friend or foe, in the glorious battle of a hundred years ago." It is true that the ill-fated allies were glorious in defeat, the story is handsomely told in "The Story of Trafalgar," by Edward Hase, which was published the year after the celebration.

Vacillating and Nervous.

The author had access to the French and Spanish archives, and made liberal use of them. He points out that jealousy and friction sapped the strength of the Franco-Spanish alliance. "The enemy," he says, "were in no condition to give battle, as they themselves well knew and said before they put to sea." Press gangs had filled the depleted complement of the Spanish fleet with raw and reluctant levies. Brave and able as was the French Admiral Villeneuve, who commanded the allies, he put to sea unready, to escape being superseded by Admiral Rosily, supposed to be coming posthaste from Paris and the choice of Napoleon. Moreover, Villeneuve, vacillating and nervous, did not have the confidence of his officers. Yet this allied fleet, doomed to disaster in advance, battled with tremendous energy, courage and fortitude. Admiral Villeneuve fought on until, as one of his officers wrote, "the upper decks and gangways of the flagship Bucentaur, heaped with dead and the wreckage from overhead, presented an appalling spectacle." It had become impossible to navigate the ship.

Enemy Captain Honored.

Capt. Lucas, of the Redoubtable, put three-quarters of his crew in the water, and was wounded, almost put to death, by a shot from the Victory, a bigger ship, out of action, and yielded only after standing off the admiral, as well as the Victory, for hours. Captain Lucas' sword was returned to him. Admiral Magon, of the

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Universal Peace in 1932.

The year 1932 is destined to shake the world to its foundation, both physically and politically. It is to be a succession of plagues, famines, floods, shipwrecks, rioting and revolution. So says the British Journal of Astrology, which has drawn the horoscope for that year, when the planets Mars and Mercury will be in conjunction. Six years later the great Armageddon is to take place. It will be a final conflict between Mohammedanism, allied with Bolshevism, against the united Anglo-Saxon world. It will end in a "universal peace" in 1932, but "there will be so few of us left, and we shall all be so tired, that peace should happen anyhow," the horoscope says.

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Great Interest Manifested

IN WEDDING OF PRINCESS MARY

London. (Canadian Press)—Interest in the betrothal of Princess Mary to Viscount Lascelles continues to grow in this country, and the general public picks up news in connection with the future home-making of the Royal lady and her non-Royal lover with avidity. Plans for wedding gifts have taken possession of the people, and the gifts will be as varied as the numerous groups of givers differ in their ideas with regard thereto. London itself will make a gift to the bride. The Lord Mayor has announced the opening of a fund for this purpose. To the staff married people probably one of the uppermost questions in connection with the coming marriage is who will the couple reside. To begin with, the Princess and her husband propose to live during the early part of their married life at Goldborough Hall, Yorkshire. Goldborough Hall is a red-brick early Jacobean mansion standing in a park and gardens which have an area of over 100 acres. The village of Goldborough is near the only town of Knaresborough. Goldborough Hall is the property of Lord Lascelles' father, Lord Harewood, who himself lived there for fourteen years. For the past twenty-six years the mansion has been occupied by W. R. Lamb, a Yorkshire magistrate, and his family. Mr. Lamb has arranged to give up possession on April 30, and the Hall is to be prepared for the reception of Lord Lascelles and his bride next summer. HAREWOOD HOUSE FOR BRIDAL PAIR.

The future country residence of Princess Mary and her husband will be Harewood House, the home of the Lascelles family. It is a stately mansion commanding fine views of the natural beauties of Wharfedale. It has many Royal associations, and the early Lords of Harewood were of regal descent. The name is said to be derived from Here-wold—the wood of the soldiers—where a battle was fought between Danes and Saxons. The Royal castle, which was built in the reign of Edward III, has long since been dismantled, but its ruins and the old church, with its wonderful sculptured tombs, remain. The present mansion was built in 1760 for Edwin Lascelles, who was created the first Baron Harewood in 1790. It took twelve years to build it, at a cost, it is said, of £120,000. Harewood House was enlarged and improved about sixty years ago, and it was then that the fine Italian garden on the south terrace was planned. The palatial front affords a sweeping view of wooded landscape, and near at the gardens, which were laid out at a cost of £15,000. The grounds contain a famous "Tokay" vine, seventy feet long and twenty-four feet wide, which was planted in 1783. The State apartments are handsomely decorated and furnished. In Harewood House are wonderful painted ceilings by Rebecchi, Rose and Zucchi; plaques by Kauffman, and portraits by Reynolds, Hoppner and Lawrence; also a collection of china—largely Sevres—valued at over £200,000. The Prince of Wales stayed at Harewood House last summer, the King and Queen were entertained there in 1903, when their Majesties visited Leeds to open the new University buildings. King Edward and Queen Alexandra were guests at Harewood House as Queen Victoria had been before her accession to the throne.

BRIDEGROOM'S TOWN RESIDENCE

Lord Lascelles' town residence is Chesterfield House, which he bought from the Dowager Lady Burton early last year. Until then he lived, when in London, with his brother and sister-in-law, the Hon. Edward and Mrs. Lascelles, in South Street, W.I. Chesterfield House stands at the corner of Audley and Curzon Streets. It has a rather gloomy exterior with a closed courtyard. When Lord Lascelles bought Chesterfield House it was the headquarters of the League of Nations, and it was lent to the Government as a residence for the Crown Prince of Japan during his recent visit to this country. The house was built for the fourth Earl of Chesterfield, the author of the famous "Letters to My Son." It was completed in 1749, and has remained practically unchanged.

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