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THE GREAT NAVAL BATTLE

On Wednesday, May 31, at 3:30 in the afternoon there commenced the greatest naval action between the German and British fleets that has ever been fought in this or any previous war. First reports of the battle were very unfavorable to the British, but at date of writing, five days after the engagement, altho news is yet quite incomplete it can definitely be stated that the result as it is studied, in the words of Winston Churchill, "will more and more be found to be a definite step toward the attainment of a complete victory."



Miss Kathleen Burke
Scottish nurse who has served on European battlefronts. She is honorary secretary of the Scottish Women's Hospital, which has been doing work in Belgium, Serbia and France. Miss Burke has been decorated by three countries. In Serbia her sick-bath with tributes and was able to reduce the death rate from 85 to 12 in each hospital.

The statement gave the German losses as two battleships, two dreadnought battle cruisers, four light cruisers, nine torpedo boat destroyers and a submarine.

JAMES J. HILL DEAD

With the death on Monday, May 29, at St. Paul of J. J. Hill there passed away one of the greatest and most successful railway builders and organizers and one of the most remarkable financial geniuses of our time. He was a Canadian, born on a backwoods farm in the vicinity of Rockwood, Wellington County, Ontario, on September 16, 1828, but early in life he became identified with transportation enterprises in St. Paul, and the greater portion of his work was connected with the commercial development of the Northwestern States. In the early days of Western Canada Mr. Hill had an intimate connection in business and transportation with Winnipeg, which was then a frontier outpost. He was a charter member of the present C.P.R. Company, but did not long continue his connection with this enterprise. The development of his own system in the Middle Western States almost entirely engrossed his energies, with the exception of a few branch lines which were projected from his main system into Western Canada. Throughout his career he was a consistent advocate of increasing the productivity of the farms. He knew that the prosperity of his railway depended upon the country which it served. He realized that agriculture



Mr. Frederick E. Smith
The brilliant young attorney-general presiding at the Senate hearing for high treason.

was the basic industry which furnished the wealth of the nation, and in every practical way possible he encouraged the improvement of agricultural methods, more particularly in the territory thru which his railroads passed. He had a large farm near St. Paul where pure-bred stock was raised and sold at very favorable prices to farmers throughout the Middle West. In later years his genius was recognized in business circles and his opinion was eagerly sought and deferred to in matters of great commercial importance. Mr. Hill was decidedly one of the greatest figures in the North-western States, and his death is a severe public loss.

WILL FIGHT MACDONALD ACT

The Hudson's Bay Company has decided to test in the courts the validity of the Manitoba Temperance Act. The solicitor acting for the company states that the rights claimed are based upon Section 2 of the Deed of Surrender, which is as follows: "The company is to be at liberty to carry on its trade without hindrance in its corporate capacity and no exceptional tax is to be placed on the company's land, trade or servants." In 1901 when the liquor act, upon which the present law was largely based, was passed, the question of the power of the province to enact the liquor act was referred to the Manitoba courts and they decided against the act. Subsequently the question was carried to the privy council and this decision was reversed. The Hudson's Bay Company claims that the deed of surrender protects them to the same extent to deal in liquor as it does to trade in furs.

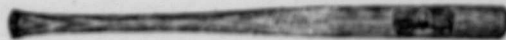
The first move in the action took place on June 1, when the Manitoba attorney-general's department seized the company's whole stock of liquor. It is understood that the company is willing to refrain from doing any further business in liquor pending the decision of the courts. It is believed that actually the company considers it is entitled to compensation thru having the privilege to sell liquor, which they claim, taken away from them, and if upheld the matter will resolve itself into an arrangement between the company and the provincial government as to the amount of compensation to which they are entitled.

DEADLY SAMENESS

"Why so gloomy?" inquired the bachelor friend. "You used to tell me that married-life was one grand, sweet song!" "And so it is," replied the gloomy one. "To be more exact, it's one grand sweet refrain—refrain from cards, refrain from smoking, refrain from going to the club, refrain from drinking, and refrain from opening my pay envelope until I get home!"

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