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A Study of Conditions Obtaining Today in British and German Navies--The Balance of Power in European Waters.

LONDON, August 25.—When the British Government is at war, war extends to every part of the world...

But at present there are two main strategic theatres: 1. North Sea and English Channel, 2. The Mediterranean.

In accordance with an understanding reached after conversations between the Governments of Great Britain and France, Britain is entirely responsible for the defence of Northern waters, and shares with France the defence of Southern waters.

This compact has resulted in the concentration of practically all the French navy in the Mediterranean.

The position in the North Sea is devoid of all complications. Two navies, and two navies only, face each other—those of Great Britain and Germany.

The balance in the North Sea, when the struggle has come when the schemes of British defence as its position of offence have happily reached a stage of development which

ALMOST FAINTED IN THE STREET

In Daily Fear of Death—Until "Fruit-a-Lives" Brought Relief.

CHATHAM, ONT., April 3rd, 1913. "Some two years ago, I was a great sufferer from indigestion. One day my eye caught a billboard of 'Fruit-a-Lives' and I said to myself 'If Fruit-a-Lives will build me up like that, it is good enough for me'.

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sisting of older ships have not yet been mobilized. They will at once be placed on a war footing, but already the Third Fleet of the British Home Fleets has been completed with crews, as a result of the calling up of the Naval Reserve.

When the mobilization on both sides of the North Sea is completed, the British strength should be about double that of Germany.

But this does not complete the picture. The character of the crews is of more consequence than the character of the ships.

The average length of service of British crews is about ten years; in Germany it is about four, including the small proportion of volunteers.

Conditions in This Fleet. These are the conditions which exist at a moment when the British Government has practically sealed the North Sea against the German High Sea Fleet.

Official statements as to the movements of German and British ships should be received with extreme caution. When large numbers of ships are engaged at sea—large squadrons and numerous flotillas—false assumptions may be reached if unauthenticated reports are accepted.

France Supreme in the South. In the Mediterranean the position is not less satisfactory, as Italy has determined to remain neutral. The standing of the four countries concerned in the present war in active ships is as follows:

Dreadnought battleships, Austria 2; Britain 0; France 0. Dreadnought battle cruisers, Austria and Germany 1; Britain 4; France 0.

Pre-Dreadnought battleships, Austria 2; Britain 0; France 11. Armoured cruisers, Austria and Germany 0; Britain 4; France 6.

In smaller cruising ships the Powers of the Double Entente are in even greater strength. The balance is against Austria and Germany in the Mediterranean, and it will be surprising, since the odds are so heavily against them, if they attempt to use their naval forces in these waters—Colfax.

DROWNING ACCIDENT. HALIFAX, N. S., Aug. 24.—James Harrahan, was drowned this morning when one of the dredges employed at the site of the new terminal, dumped a quantity of mud on the boat in which he was rowing to his home at Ferguson's Cove.

HAVE RAISED SILVER. NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—In addition to the purser's safe the recovery of which was reported last week divers have succeeded in raising \$250,000 in silver bullion from the hull of the sunken steamship, the Empress of Ireland.

Word to this effect was received by a salvage company here, doing the work. All the mail bags also have been found, it was said.

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HARD WORK BEGINS AT VAL CARTIER CAMP

Several Hours of Arduous Drilling Yesterday—It is Thought that 7,000 Will Not Sail With the First Contingent.

VALCARTIER CAMP, Que., Aug. 25.—Canada's militiamen who have volunteered for active service, had their first taste of real training work yesterday, when nearly every man in camp underwent several hours of hard drilling.

There are a number of patients now being treated, but their complaints are of a minor nature. Several of them are suffering from cuts and bruises sustained in clearing the camp site.

Practically all danger of typhoid fever has been eliminated by the precautionary measures of the authorities.

In addition to having had all the men vaccinated the water supply is being chlorinated under the direction of Dr. Nasmith and Dr. Graham of Toronto.

Target practice began yesterday. Though no official statement of any kind in regard to the date of departure of the first Canadian contingent for Europe has been issued, it is the general opinion among well-informed officers that the order will come early in September and that the troops will sail about the middle of the month.

It is generally agreed that an earlier start is an impossibility. The impeding, however, that all the soldiers now in camp and those who will arrive within the next few days are to sail with the first expeditionary force is totally erroneous.

Medical Examination. The medical examination of the force for the selection of the men to go will begin to-day under the direction of Lieut.-Col. A. T. Shillington of Ottawa, senior medical recruiting officer.

Men rejected on account of some physical defect or other will immediately be sent on to their respective homes. The best of those examined will be given the honor of sailing with the first contingent while others will remain in camp here indefinitely and will go to the front with the second Canadian force should it be decided to send one.

As the medical examinations conducted at the time of enlistment were of a rigorous nature, it is expected that comparatively few men will be sent home. This means that seven or eight thousand men will in all probability be here for some time.

It is not improbable that from two to three hundred of the Queen's Own Rifles now in camp will be left behind when the first of Canada's representatives sail.

Much of the time yesterday was devoted to organization work. The camp when at full strength will consist of three brigades of four battalions each.

Those battalions are formed of the representatives from five to nine regiments and the camp has been divided into twelve battalion areas.

The Queen's Own Rifles of Toronto, form the 6th infantry battalion, together with several other smaller units. The first four companies are all Q.O.R. men, detachments of the 20th Regiment and the G.G.B. G. form the 5th company, the 37th, 39th and 51st comprise the 6th company, the seventh consists of the 43rd Regiment and a detail of the G.G.B. G., while the 8th company is made up of representatives of the 13th Hamilton Regiment and the Brant Dragoons.

Battalion Officers. Lieut.-Col. M. S. Mercer is provisional commander. Major George Higginbotham senior major, Lieut. Currie adjutant, Capt. Hutchinson quartermaster, and Serjeant-Major Blake Foster battalion sergeant-major. All the battalion officers are Queen's Own men.

The Queen's Own men held a muster parade in the morning and in the afternoon paraded to receive their pay before beginning drill. Each man received pay according to his rank up to the time of reaching camp. Henceforward privates will receive in addition to the regulation \$1 per day, a field allowance of 10 cents per day. The field allowance increases according to rank, the commanding officer receiving \$1.50 a day in addition to his regular pay.

Brigadiers have not yet been appointed. Lieut.-Col. Turner however, has been provisionally named as the commander of the 1st Brigade.

The Royal Grenadiers, under Major Porter are attached to the 7th Infantry Brigade with the 36th Regiment, 12th York Rangers 44th 43rd, 55th, and other units. All the men are as comfortable as possible, are being well fed and are in good health. Major Clark and Major Hunter, who are in command of the York Rangers, are pleased with the work of their men so far.

The camp hospital is completely equipped to handle cases of all kinds, and has accommodation for 200 men.

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THE STORY OF Waitstill Baxter

By KATE DOUGLAS WIGGIN.

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Debby bore the marks of her adventure longer than her owner, for she had been longer in the fire, but stained and defaced as she was, she was never replaced and remained the only doll of Waitstill's childhood.

Village "aunts" and "uncles" were elected to that relationship by the common consent of the community, their fitness being established by great age, by decided individuality or eccentricity of character, by uncommon love-lessness or by the possession of an abundant wit and humor.

Such a couple were Cephas Cole's father and mother, Aunt Abby and Uncle Bart. Bartholomew Cole's trade was that of a joiner. As for Aunt Abby, it can only be said that she made all it could only be said that she made all trades her own by sovereign right of investigation, and what she did not know about her neighbor's occupations was unlikely to be discovered on this side of Jordan.

One of the villagers declared that Aunt Abby and her neighbor, Mrs. Abel Day, had argued for an hour before they could make a bargain about the method of disseminating a certain important piece of news, theirs by exclusive right of discovery and prior possession.

Among the visitors to camp yesterday was W. F. Nickle, M.P. for Kingston, and Mrs. Nickle. They were especially interested in the Kingston representatives and arranged to present each man with a suitable gift. Senator Daniel, of St. John, N.B., Senator Farrell of Liverpool, N.S., were also here.

Senator Daniel has been connected with the militia for a quarter of a century, and spoke very highly of the progress made here. He thought it reflected great credit upon those connected with the management of the camp.

Yesterday was rather light in the matter of arrivals. Yesterday's arrivals were chiefly from the Maritime Provinces, and increased the strength of the camp to approximately 15,000. It is expected that upwards of 5,000 troops will arrive to-day.

Through the kindness of Col. William, camp commandant, the newspaper representatives in camp were yesterday driven over ten miles of the road in a motorcar under the direction of Lieut. T. Wilson, Col. Taylor of Montreal. Every point of interest was visited and much valuable information gained.

SEPTEMBER IN ALGONQUIN Park. 2,000 feet above sea level, Algonquin Park is one of the most delightful vacation playgrounds in America.

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ELECTION PROTESTS. WINNIPEG, Man., Aug. 24.—Election protests have been lodged on behalf of the Liberals against Sir Rodmond Roblin, Dr. McFadden and J. J. Garland, successful candidates, respectively in Dufferin, Emerson and Lakeside on usual allegations. Protests proceedings against the election of Hon. Dr. Montague in Kildonan.

TALK LIKE KAISER. LONDON, Aug. 24, 2.24 p.m.—The London newspapers to-day quote the German newspaper Tagliche Rundschau, as declaring that Belgium bitterly will rue the day she dared to oppose her mighty neighbor.

Great Britain, the German newspaper also says, will pay dearly for her interference in this war by seeing the permanent establishment of a German naval base on the coast of Belgium.

The pan-Germanic organs declare that the portions of Belgium will be permanently incorporated in the German empire.

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A shop or a barn has saved many a man's life and reason." Patty tottling at her side, of Uncle Bart's lifting them into the sleigh and permitting them to sit there and eat



the ripe red apples that had fallen from the tree. Uncle Bart's son, Cephas (Patty's secret adorer), was a painter by trade and kept his pots and cans and brushes in a little outhouse at the back, while Uncle Bart himself stood every day behind his long joiner's bench almost knee deep in shavings. How the children loved to play with the white, satiny rings, making them into necklaces, hanging them to their ears and waving them into wreaths. Wonderful houses could always be built in the corner of the shop out of the little odds and ends and "nubbins" of white pine, and Uncle Bart was never ready to cut or saw a special piece needed for some great purpose.

The sound of the plane was sweet music in the old joiner's ears. "I don't hardly know how I made out if I'd had to work in a mill," he said confidentially to Cephas. "The noise of a saw going all day, coupled with your mother's tongue morning an' evening's, would 'a' been too much for my weak head. I'm a quiet man, Cephas, a man that needs a peaceful shop where he can get away from the comforts of home now and then without stirkin' his duty nor causin' gossip. If you should ever marry, Cephas—which don't look to me likely without you pick out a diff'rent girl—I'd advise you not to keep your stock o' paints in the barn or the shed, for it's altogether too handy to the house and the women folks. Take my advice and have a place to yourself, even if it's a small one. A shop or a barn has saved many a man's life and reason, Cephas, for it's ag'in a woman's nature to have you underfoot in the house without hectorin' you. Choose a girl same 's you would a horse that you want to hitch up to a span; 't aint' every two that'll stan' together without kickin'. When you get the right girl keep out of her way considerably an' there'll be less wear an' tear."

CHAPTER VII. Cephas Speaks. IT was June, and the countryside was so beautiful it seemed as if no one could be unhappy, however great the cause. That was what Waitstill Baxter thought as she sat down on the millstone step for a word with the old joiner, her best and most understanding friend in all the village.

"I've come to do my mending here with you," she said brightly, as she took out her well filled basket and threaded her needle. "Isn't it a wonderful morning? Nobody could look the world in the face and do a wrong thing on such a day, could they, Uncle Bart?"

(To be Continued.)

IF BACK HURTS USE SALTS FOR KIDNEYS

Eat Less Meat if Kidneys feel like lead or Bladder bothers.

Most folks forget that the kidneys, like the bowels, get sluggish and clogged and need a flushing occasionally, else we have backache and dull misery in the kidney region, severe headache, rheumatic stiffness, torpid liver, acid stomach, sleeplessness and all sorts of bladder disorders.

You simply must keep your kidneys active and clean, and the moment you feel an ache or pain in the kidney region, get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any good drug store here, take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine.

This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithium chloride, and is harmless to flush clogged kidneys and stimulate them to normal activity. It also neutralizes the acids in the urine so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder disorders.

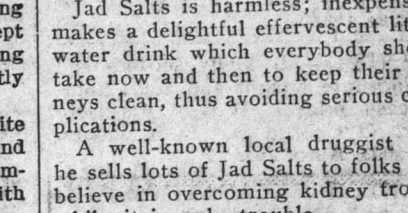
Jad Salts is harmless; inexpensive; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which everybody should take now and then to keep their kidneys clean, thus avoiding serious complications.

A well-known local druggist says he sells lots of Jad Salts to folks who believe in overcoming kidney trouble while it is only trouble.

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