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Nelson's Legacy to the World.

(The Christian Science Monitor.)

At a time when the eyes of the entire world have been fixed on the greatest naval surrender in history, it is only fitting that we should recall Lord Nelson's legacy to the British fleet, and subsequently to the world. In this great war of nearly four and a half years, the celebrated signal, "England expects that every man will do his duty," has permeated the consciousness of the entire British people. How well that duty has been done we all know to-day. But for that great, silent power victory would have been impossible. America could not have even become a factor in the war. Her splendid help in food and munitions, her gallant men, could not have reached Europe.

The Grand Fleet to-day owes much, perhaps all, to the high standard of honor and efficiency set by Lord Nelson. He was a man who loved peace, but would not sacrifice "one jot of England's honor to avoid war." It is true that the hero of Trafalgar was no mediator in politics, yet he did make one insignificant, if little known, speech in the House of Lords on Nov. 16, 1802.

"I, my lords, have in different countries seen much of the miseries of war," he said. "I am, therefore, in my inmost soul a man of peace. Yet, however fortunate, consent to sacrifice one jot of England's honor. Our honor is inseparably combined with our genuine interest. Hitherto there has been nothing greater known on the Continent than the faith, the untainted honor, the generous public sympathies, the commerce, the unconquerable valor of the British nation. Wherever I have witnessed these to be sentiments with which Britons were regarded. The advantages of such a reputation are not to be lightly brought into hazard.

"I, for one, rejoice that His Majesty has signified his intention to pay due regard to the connection between the interests of this country and the preservation of the liberties of Europe. It is satisfactory to know that the preparations to maintain our dignity in peace are not to be neglected. Those supplies which His Majesty shall for such purpose demand his people will most earnestly grant.

"The nation is satisfied that the government seeks in peace or war no interest separate from that of the people at large; and as the nation was pleased with the sincere spirit of peace with which the late treaty was negotiated, so, now that a restless and unjust ambition in those with whom we desired sincere amity has given a new alarm, the country will rather prompt the government to assert its honor than need to be roused to such measures of vigorous defense as the exigency of the times may require."

The romantic life of Nelson is well known. There are hundreds of stories in connection with him. Who does not remember the ride to school with his elder brother in a snowstorm when their father had left it to their honor not to turn back unless their brother was all for turning back but for Horatio's reminder that "it was left to our honor" to continue the journey if it was humanly possible to do so.

At Portsmouth one may see the very place on the beach where the greatest of England's heroes embarked to join the Victory riding at anchor in the bay. An anchor marks the spot. One picture no splendid innocent figure, but a small and queer man taking leave of the land he loved so well. Nelson's last prayer, written in the little cabin a few hours before going into action lets us completely into his innermost heart.

"May the great God whom I worship grant to my country and for the benefit of Europe in general, a great and glorious victory; and may no misconduct in anyone tarnish it, and may humanity after victory be the predominant feature in the British fleet! For myself individually I commit myself to Him who made me, and may His blessing light upon my endeavors for serving my country faithfully. To Him I resign myself and the just cause which is intrusted to me to defend. Amen! Amen! Amen!"

A great prayer, and one which lives quite unconsciously in the heart of every sailor in the British fleet. The Nelson touch, the Nelson honor and the Nelson duty permeates the fleet of England possibly even to a larger extent to-day than when Trafalgar was fought. Where is it better exemplified than by the heroism of the boy John Travers Cornwell of His Majesty's ship Chester, in the Battle of Jutland, who, when all the crew of his gun were killed or disabled, although mortally wounded himself, stood at his post with the telephone awaiting orders till the end of the action. He was mentioned by Jellicoe in his account of the battle, and received the Victoria Cross. Only a boy of 16, but he did his duty, and England will not forget.

There is a story told in connection with Nelson's passing that is not generally known. In all previous actions in which he had taken part, his servant had always taken the precaution to hide his medals and orders, knowing, as he did, the admiral's love of display on such occasions. Now it happened on the morning of Trafalgar, Nelson's servant was unable to adopt the ordinary precautions. When the admiral appeared on the quarter-deck, those who saw him were astonished to see the profusion of orders that covered his breast. There was certainly no mistaking the Admiral of the British fleet. Whether or no this was a mark for the French gunner who fired at him from the yard top, is not a matter of certain history. Nevertheless, Nelson's servant always maintained that had he only hidden his master's medals, Nelson's life would have been spared.

Nearly three months after the declaration of war, on Oct. 21, 1914, Trafalgar Day, the present writer happened to be in London. The people had been asked to pass silently through Trafalgar Square at the same period of the day as a tribute to the great Nelson. It was a happy thought that suggested this form of commemoration. All day long great crowds of people passed silently through the square, only pausing to look at the wreaths at the foot of the Nelson Column.

In those first days of the great war England was expecting the German fleet to come out. Her fate, the fate of the whole world, depended on a naval victory. Men were rushing in thousands to enlist, but her great army to-day was not yet in existence. The Old Contemptibles were gallantly fighting against tremendous odds in France. If the German Navy had broken through there was no army in England that could have stopped an invasion.

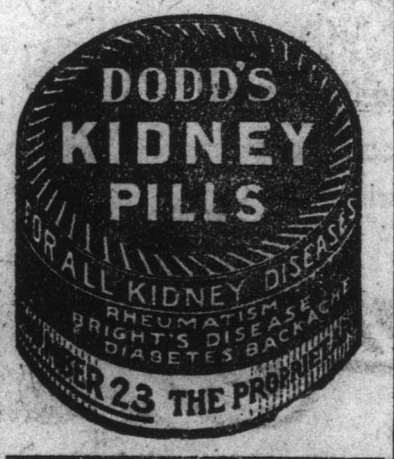
As those thousands of serious upturned faces gazed at the little bronze figure so far above them, instinctively many must have felt that the great multitude was silently pledging itself to do its duty, no matter how great the cost. Perhaps it is not realized that the Royal Navy has lost 3508 officers and 36,258 men.

To-day in the hour of victory we must not lose sight of the incessant work of the mercantile marine, without whom the war could not have continued for a single day. It is one thing to go into battle fully armed with a good fighting chance, but quite another to face a brutal foe without any defense, or at most a single gun. Yet many crews whose vessels were torpedoed, and who escaped after terrible privations and hardships in open boats, signed on again as soon as they were able. Without their self-sacrifice England and Belgium must have starved. Their losses have been heavy—14,661 officers and men and 3,295 prisoners. They are still silent; it is for us who love them so much to speak strongly.

To-day Nelson's great signal has been condensed into two terse words—"carry on." No passionate, patriotic appeal, but a calm and simple reminder that on each individual man and woman depends the fate and future of the world.

Walking.

The court notes of the Observer of London record that "Queen Mary is out a great deal, as her Majesty is fond of open air life and is an excellent pedestrian." It is remarkable how rapidly the art in which Queen Mary's proficiency has been so gracefully acknowledged has almost lapsed into disuse since Prince Karl Drals von Sauerbronn invented a cliche to save his own exertion, and trundled it successfully around the Grand Duke of Baden's forests in the days of Waterloo. Walking has its devotees by the million in the British Isles. However, they do not all manifest the fact after the manner of the Rev. A. N. Cooper, vicar of Fley in Yorkshire, well known as the "walking parson" who, some twenty-four years ago, stepped out of his pulpit, one Sunday evening, and turned straight on to the highroad for a 250-mile walk to London. Mr. Cooper reached London the following Saturday, took train and, next morning, treated his congregation in Fley to a sermon as full of vigor as of sound advice.



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Potatoes and Gold.

The gold of the Indies was the attraction that led Columbus to sail westward, that carried Cortes to Mexico and Pizarro to Peru. The Incas had large stores of the precious metal, representing, no doubt, the accumulations of many centuries. The capture of such a booty resounded through Europe. Spain became for a time the wealthiest, as well as the most powerful nation of Europe, and this was ascribed to the gold of Peru. But Peru held another treasure much more valuable for the nations of Europe than the golden booty of Pizarro. Carrying the potato to Europe was an event of much more profound significance in relation to the subsequent history of the world than sending the gold to the coffers of Spain. But nobody understood the value of the potato, and its Peruvian origin was generally forgotten before the plant became well known. Instead of Peruvian potatoes we call them Irish potatoes.

The potato was the basis of the ancient Peruvian nation, and has attained almost the same importance in other parts of the world within the last 100 years.

Lay Helpless in Woods.

Pte. Andrew Stackvale, of the Original Fighting 26th, an inmate of a military hospital at Fredericton, N.B., was recently lost in the woods for seven days under very unusual circumstances.

Stackvale, was 15 months in a German prison camp, lost one leg in the war. He left the city Oct. 22 to drive to Minto. On a lonely, not-much-frequented road he was thrown from his carriage and the horse ran away. Being without crutches and helpless because of a fracture to his remaining leg, received by being thrown from the carriage, he was unable to move. He lay in the bushes just a week, subsisting on roots which he could dig up with his hands.

The Fate of a Halibut.

A large halibut was captured under peculiar circumstances by the crew of a Scottish steam fishing boat. As the lines were being hauled a codfish on one of the hooks was followed to the surface by the halibut, which made several attempts to swallow the cod. Then the halibut went down out of sight, but soon reappeared, coming to the surface as the cod was being hauled aboard. When it came within reach of the fisherman it was caught by the clips that are used to haul fish aboard, and after a struggle it was safely landed on the deck. It weighed over 170 pounds.

The Stands.

The Earl of Dunmore said at a dinner in Washington: "There was a good deal of baseball played in London last summer, and the doughboys often took English girls to see the game. I heard of a doughboy who said to a girl as they entered the ball grounds together: 'If there's anything you want explained, tell me. I guess a lot of things seem meaningless to you. Everything seems meaningless,' said the girl, 'and some things seem idiotic.' 'What seems idiotic?' asked the doughboy. 'Well,' said the girl, 'why do you call the seats the stands?'"

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Got Bear in Back Yard.

Mrs. Harvey Black, of Campbell's Bay, while hanging out clothes in her back yard a few days ago was accosted by a bear that had never been properly introduced. She seized a club and launched a counter-offensive, whereupon the bear fled. Reinforcements arriving in the form of Mr. Black and a rifle, bear steak was on the dinner menu a few hours later.

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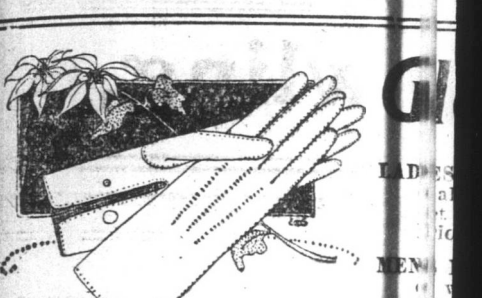
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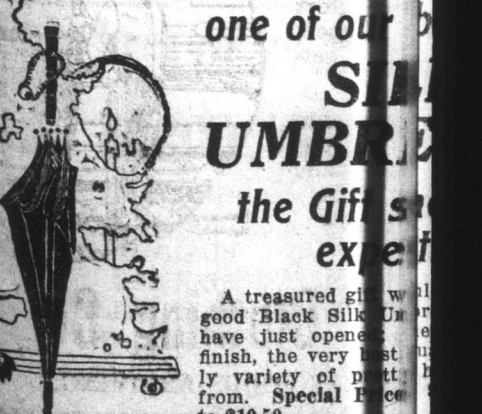
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