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# WILHELMINA'S TOAST ABSOLUTE

EVIDENCE OF AMITY BETWEEN BRITAIN AND HOLLAND.

Queen of the Netherlands Refers to King Edward In Flattering Terms -Always Among First to Alleviate Suffering-Sends Honor to Gallant Prince Consort-Incident Connected With Wreck of the Berlin.

The toast of the Queen of the Netherlands to King Edward and Queen Alexandra at a recent dinner at The Hague in honor of Prince Alexander of Teck, has been the cause of much favorable comment in the British press. Prince Alexander had been sent to Holland to confer the Grand Cross of the Beth or the Prince Concert in of the Bath on the Prince Consort in



QUEEN WILHELMINA.

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recognition of his prompt and courageous efforts to save the survivors on the wrecked steamer Berlin.

Speaking in English, Her Majesty said: "I have much pleasure in welcoming Prince Alexander of Teck, to whom it has pleased His Majesty the King of Great Britain and Ireland to entrust the mission of bringing the Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath to the Prince, my Consort.

Consort.
"I am deeply sensible of the honor so graciously conferred on the Prince by His Majesty, who is always among the first to acknowledge any attempt the first to acknowledge any attempt to alleviate suffering or to rescue from danger or distress. May this occasion prove a fresh link of sympathy between our two houses, and knit in even closer bonds of friendship our countries, which are already united by so many ties in the past and present. I drink to the health of Their Majesties the King and Queen of Great Britain and Ireland and to that of the royal family."

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Referring to the incident, The Times says: The ties which unite the British and the Dutch are, indeed, many and strong. We have fought against each other, and we have fought shoulder to shoulder in many a campaign that has made history against common foes of the two countries who were also in bygone times the foes of the liberties of Europe. To no nation do we owe more in the defence and the development of our own domestic freedom than to the Dutch. We knew our Dutch neighbors, and they knew us, since days long before some of the most powerful of modern continental States were heard of, and the knowledge has taught us respect for the many sterling good qualities which we equally share. A sensible understanding of our real interests is amongst those qualities, and that, we



need hardly say, points strongly to the maintenance of intimate and meed hardly say, points strongly to the maintenance of intimate and friendly relations between us.

The war with the South African Republics estranged for a time the people of Holland from their best, their oldest and their surest friends. The leaders of their kinsfolk in that heroic struggle are to-day the responsible Ministers of King Edward in the Transvaal, and will doubtless soon hold the same office in the Orange River Colony. We accept the toast of Queen Wilhelmina as a token that the misunderstandings which the wars the misunderstandings which the wars the mounderstanding which even in the worst days of the contest were never resented by the people of England have forever passed away. We hall the event as of good augury for the peace of Europe.

Rabbits Learn to Climb.

A new characteristic of the rabbit is alarming the Australian farmer. A land owner at Albury announces that he has actually seen rabbits climbing over "rabbitproof" wire-net fencing. The animals were making their escape from ground inundated by heavy rains, and, according to the witness' story, they scaled the wire on the posts, and so easily surmounted the inclosure.

Thousands of miles of wire-net fencing may prove useless if rabbits have learned to climb. Rabbits Learn to Climb.

Jasper Axe-Head Found.

An axe-head of the noolithic type has been dug up on a farm near Grahamstown, Cape Colony. It is a beautifully shaped implement of green jasper, and measures three inches by two and a half inches.

# WARSHIPS RUN BY GAS

ENGLISH NAVY MAY TAKE RADI-CAL NEW DEPARTURE.

In Order to Enable Effective Mounting of Big Guns They Must. Be Placed So As to Fire On Either Broadside-This Means Doom of Steam Engines-Problem Already Little Liver Pills.

The battleship of the future is to be a strangely weird looking craft if designs which have been worked out prove practicable. The Institution of Naval Architects has been holding a conference in London this week, and one of, if not the most important, paper read and discussed was one which dealt with "the influence of machinery on the gun power of the modern warship," and showed that if the large guns are to be effectively mounted they must all be placed so as to fire on either broadside.

In the Dreadhought of the ten twelve inch guns only eight can fire on either broadside. To enable all ten to fire with the utmost effect it was shown that the funnels must be abolished and also all deck erections. But if the funnels are to be eliminated steam can no longer be used, and the boiler must go.

The great firm of Vickers have faced this fact and after three years of almost continuous research and work have now perfected a system of gas machinery for propelling ships. The explosion engine, in a word, is to replace the steam engine.

Strange Looking Warship.

Do Citizens Favor Closer Ties With Strange Looking Warship. Strange Looking Warship.

The design for such a vessel has been worked out. It has no funnels, and is thus an extraordinary looking craft. Its speed will be higher than that of any existing battleship. Its dimensions are moderate, but it carries batteries more powerful than even the Dreadnought, since all of its ten guns can fire on either beam, and six ahead or astern. This is to be the ship of the future.

the Mother Country?

It was thought at first that Sir Wilfrid Laurier would either not care to go to the great inter-colonial conference in London, or that his Parliamentary duties would not let him go.

The Premier will be present at the council board; but Canada has been strangely silent in respect of the questions which the conference will discuss. It would be a nice question whether this is due to the indifference of pre-occupation, or to the fact that the Dominion has still to find a large and commanding and united voice upon vital questions. The Premier is loyal to British connection, but he is, as he himself would confess, a somewhat cold Imperialist. He would allow the present relations of the Dominion with the Mother Country to go on as they are.

He is content to await the process. ten guns can fire on either beam, and six ahead or astern. This is to be the ship of the future.

Admiral Sir E. Fitzgerald, who opened the discussion, deprecated the adoption of too hasty a generalization from the result of one battle—meaning that of the sea of Japan. He remembered the battle of Lissa, and, because one veesel was rammed and sunk there, every warship for thirty years was fitted with a monstrosity on its bows called a ram, which had sunk many a friend but never a foe. With regard to the adoption of oil as fuel, he wondered what would happen if a shell came into the oil reservoir; whether the oil would all run out, if it did not explode, and the ship would be left without fuel; or, if one set of tanks escaped, there would be a heavy list to one side.

Admiral Sir C. Noel said if the marine gas engines foreshadowed could be produced there was no doubt they would give ships a higher speed and a much wider radius of action.

Counts Up Advantages. the Mother Country to go on as they are.

He is content to await the processes of national evolution, which makes no noise and accomplish themselves slowly. Above all, Sir Wilfrid has never disguised his fear that closer relations with the heart of the Empire might involve us with British militarism, with which, as he contends, Canada should have nothing to do—her mission being one of peaceful development, detached from the complications or the passions of the great powers of the world.

Free Trade Impossible.

A majority of Canadians could prob-

powers of the world.

Free Trade Impossible.

A majority of Canadians could probably be found who would be heartily in favor of closer relations with the Motherland, but they have not been brought together under the stress of earnest feeling. Sir Wilfrid has said that free trade within the Empire is impossible, and that nothing else would avail. Meny think that it is not beyond the bounds of possibility to bring about a genuine free trade between all parts of the Empire, as in the case of the United States, which, however, are more homogeneous than the widely separated parts of the British Empire, and that, at any rate, a carefully adjusted fiscal arrangement, thought out to meet varying needs, and yet which would have the preferential feature for all the colonies, might well be a result of the forthcoming conference. Some go further, and look to the establishment of a great Council of the Empire, in which all the sister nations and colonies would be represented, and which would deal with all large and commanding questions of an international character. Nor need this be thought an iridescent dream.

History is made rapidly now, and concentration of power is the law and custom of the age. Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, seem to be Counts Up Advantages. Admiral Sir E. Fremantle observed there could be no question of the advantages which would ensue if battleship decks could be cleared of the incumbrance of funnels and similar incumbrance of funnels and similar appliances necessary with steam engines. One of the things which would result would be that ships would not be liable to a sudden reduction in speed from the destruction of funnels. Internal combustion engines would get rid of that, but it was usually found that with all improvements introduced there was generally an increased possibility of damage and disaster.

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Str William White pointed out that in attempting to reduce the diameter and the weight of turrets the exposed portion of the guns was liable to destruction. At the battle of Tsushima this portion in some cases had been shot entirely away. With regard to oil or gas engines he believed their day was coming.

Lieut. A. T. Dawson believed the advent of gas engines for marine use was nearer than Sir William White and many more appeared to realize.

and many more appeared to realize concentration of power is the law and custom of the age. Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, seem to be more interested in the work of the conference than the Dominion, which—unless the latter have the ultimate thought of an independent existence—is vitally concerned in this meeting of the representatives of all parts of the Empire.

There have been more marriages during Lent this year than for many years. This is shown in society getting less observant of the Lenten season than was the case when there were than was the case when there was a

less observant of the Lenten season than was the case when there was a sort of decorous attention to high church feelings even when they were not personally shared.

This year the ritualists are keeping Lent with more severity than are the Roman Catholics, for, owing to the prevalance of influenza, the latter are largely dispensated from fasting. On the other hand, a certain ritualist who is allied to the "half peerage" told a friend that in Lent she never dined out, ate meat, drank wine, or had sugar in tea, that she attended church twice daily, went to confession week-ly had no pillow on her bolster, and rose the instant she was called in the morning.

Whether that be only a case of extreme self-martyrdom is not known, but it would seem that the fierce strictures of Father Vaughan on the wickedness of the "amart set" is having some effect in certain sections of society where reform of a most serious character is in progress. Bridge is giving way to a brief lectures and cardrooms are becoming salons.

And He Fled.

And He Fled.

The creator of Sherlock Holmes and Brigadier Gerard, is a man of many stories. Here is one: At a dinner party he asserted that every man of 40 or over had a skeleton in the cupboard, something in his past which were better unknown. This was challenged. Sir Conan held to his belief, and the diners arranged a test. To a gentleman whom they all knew, a man in a very high position, and of the greatest integrity, they sent a telegram as follows: "ril is discovered; flee at once." The recipient fled, and has never been heard of since.

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by wholesale. If the articles are kept they purchase a few cans and distri-bute them among their friends, or have them prepared for them at their lodgings. In this way many English people have been taught to like Unit-ed States corn and tomatoes, and Can-adians traveling in Great Britain might do worse than take a leaf out of their book.

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