

British Fleet Admirals Are Young in Years

Most of Them Are Veterans in the Service, However—Average Age About 52 Years.

The Hero of the Heligoland Fight.

Rear-Admiral Sir David Beatty, the admiral who made the daring dash at a County Wexford man, who has seen service before. He is 43 years old and is the son of Capt. D. L. Beatty of Boroeduff, County Wexford, Ireland. His father is deputy lieutenant of Wexford. He married Ethel, the oldest daughter of Marshall Field, Sr., of Chicago. He entered the Navy in 1884; he served in the Soudan in 1898, obtained a D.S.O., was mentioned in despatches, was given a medal of the 4th class Médaille and was promoted to a Commander. He served in China in 1900, was again mentioned in despatches, obtained medal and clasp and was promoted Captain. He has thus been twice promoted for his work in active service. He became a Rear-Admiral in 1910. Well done Beatty!

With the thought of everybody in the Empire directed to the doing of our Fleets at sea, writes the Naval correspondent of the London Times, an account of the individual officers commanding the squadrons engaged in war cannot fail to be of deep interest. Foremost, of course, is Admiral Sir John Jellicoe, whose appointment was announced August 12. To a large number of people he has hitherto probably been an unknown personality. During the occurrence of the immediate future, however, many other men whose names are unfamiliar to the public will certainly come to the front. Some of these officers are referred to in the following sketches.

A glance at the fleet commanders as a whole shows that, comparatively speaking, this is the day of young admirals. There are hardly any officers flying their flags in the Fleet who can be called veterans in point of age, though the term may be used in regard to their service, for the majority have had over 40 years in the Navy. In the First Fleet, the oldest officer, Vice-Admiral Sir Douglas Gamble, is 57, and the youngest, Rear-Admiral Sir David Beatty, 42. The average age is about 52 years. This affords a contrast to the custom in many navies which employ only admirals of between 50 and 60 years of age.

Sir John Jellicoe, who as Commander-in-Chief of the Home Fleets is in supreme command in the North Sea, was 54 in December, and has been in the Navy since 1872. He is a gunnery specialist, winning the £80 prize for gunnery when at college as a lieutenant in 1885. Twice he has seen war service, first in the Egyptian War of 1882, and secondly in China, in 1900, when he was wounded in Sir Edward Seymour's expedition to relieve the Peking Legations, of which expedition he was Chief Staff Officer. His thoroughness as an administrator has been shown as Naval assistant to the Controller Director of Naval Ordnance, Third Sea Lord and Second Sea Lord, which latter post he has just left. Afloat, he has been rear-admiral commanding that Fleet, and vice-admiral commanding the Second Division of the Home Fleet. When in command of the "Red" Fleet during the 1913 manoeuvres he showed his skill in raiding the Humber and other East Coast places.

Rear-Admiral C. E. Madden, Chief of the Staff to Sir John Jellicoe, is a brother-in-law to that officer, both admirals having married daughters of Sir Charles Cayzer. Entering the Navy

This Date in History.

AUGUST 29.
New Moon—21st.
Days Past—240 To Come—124

O. W. HOLMES born 1809, American author who was perhaps, the most versatile of the American men of letters who were his contemporaries. As an essayist he must be placed among the first masters of the craft—with Addison and Leigh Hunt. His poetry, particularly the short pieces in the "Autocrat" and the "Professor," is written with deep human experience.

SIR CHARLES NAPIER died 1853, aged 71. English General, whose brilliant victory at Meenace, in 1843, crushed the power of the rulers of Sindh and led to the annexation of that province.

LOSS OF THE "ROYAL GEORGE," 1782, when Rear-Admiral Kempenfeldt went down with about 1,000 souls at Spithead. The carpenters had laid her more on her broadside than they intended, and a sudden gale laid her on her side, the water rushed through her lower deck ports, and in three minutes she went down.

How many people live on the reputation of the reputation they might have made.

—Holmes.

AUGUST 30.

19th Sunday after Trinity.

Days Past—241 To Come—123

PLEVNA, 1877. A town in Bulgaria, the scene of a series of battles between the Turks and Russians and of the memorable siege (Sept. to Dec.), when Osman Pasha, after a heroic defence, surrendered with 40,000 men.

SIR JOHN ROSS died 1856, aged 79. British Admiral, who began his career of Arctic discovery in 1818 when he accompanied Parry to Baffin Bay. In 1850 he led an expedition in search of Sir John Franklin to the Arctic, but accomplished nothing.

McMurdo's Store News.

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Cape Report.

SPECIAL TO EVENING TELEGRAM.
CAPE RACE, To-day. Wind W. light, weather rainy; the s.s. Bappanook passed west yesterday afternoon; an unknown steamer passed west at 4:30 a.m. to-day; the schooner Besie Jeanox, Captain Gillem, finished discharging yesterday and sailed for Sydney last night. Bar. 29.80; ther. 56.

Arresting Lines.

Mr. William Watson contributes to the Times the most arresting lines which have yet appeared on the war: At last we know you, War-Jord; You that flunk the gamblit down, fling down the mask you wear; Publish your heart, and let its pent hate pour; You that had God for ever on your tongue; We are old in war, and it in gulle we are young; Young also is the spirit that evermore Burns in our bosom ev'n as heretofore; Nor are these thews unbraced, these nerves unstrung; We do not wish God's name make wanton play; We are not on such easy terms with Heaven; But to Earth's bearing we can verily say: Our hands are pure; for peace, for peace we have striven; And not by Earth shall he be soon forgive; Who lit the fire against that flames to-day. —William Watson.

Cont. chains have gone out, but bead necklaces of all colors are very much in.

The new linen dust coats for women are very plain, useful-looking garments.



I'm Saving His Cigarette Coupons

Fads and Fashions.

Buttons are peculiarly decorative this season. Slip-on blouses are a little like Middy blouses. Pure apple green is often seen in evening frocks. "Lace sweaters" are sheer, all-wool garments. White braquele mesh veils are an important feature. Flathead hats of Leghorn are immensely fashionable. Bamboo straw is the newest millinery fad in Paris. Big butterfly bow sashes of taffeta are still in favor. High stocks with fronts cut out will be seen in the fall. Neck ruffs of navy or black moire will be seen at the shore. Figured crepe de chine blouses make a delightful change. White serge suits are enlivened by a touch of brilliant color. White net frocks are best for hot-weather dress occasions. Long strings of jet are worn with elaborate evening gowns. Black is going to be in extraordinary favor for day and evening. Some of the new blouses have darts in front and fitted girdles. Long kimono sleeves, tapering to the wrist, are as popular as ever. The medic collar, in its modern form, has lost much of its firmness. Smart suits for little girls have checked skirts and plain white serge coats.

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