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PATHETIC SOLUTION OF SHIP-  
PING MYSTERY.

BALTIMORE, To-day.  
A bottle containing nine messages of farewell washed ashore at Orkney Islands in February, tells briefly of the fate of the old merchant's and miners' steamship Frederick, which left here in December, 1915, and the following month sailed from New York for Archangel, Russia. The messages were set adrift by the crew when ship was sinking in mid-ocean. One message is from George Matthews, steward, who was supposed to have been a Baltimorean. The messages were sent to the State Department at Washington by Ambassador Page, and the one written by Matthews was received to-day by Collector of the Port, Ryan. The note is in lead pencil on a scrap of paper and reads: "To friends or whom it may concern: We are sinking in mid-ocean and the Captain has deserted us. There are ten left behind. Faithfully, Steward of the Ship, George Matthews, Good Bye."

GREAT CAPTURE BY BRITISH.  
LONDON, To-day.  
It is officially reported that the British forces captured over 9,000 prisoners and more than forty guns in yesterday's operations.

GREAT HOPE IN BRITAIN.  
LONDON, To-day.  
News of the successful opening of the new British offensive has stirred intense interest and high hope among the people throughout the country. Whatever the enemy may have claimed as to the retreat in the Somme sector having been prearranged and strategical, it is contended that their recoil before the blow delivered in the Arras-Lens region cannot be explained away in any such manner. It is urged that there can be no dispute as to who took the initiative. A new chapter in the conflict on the Western front has begun, and whether or not it is to prove the beginning of a decisive battle, it is bound, according to the prevalent opinion here, to lead to results of the highest importance. The main feature of this battle thus far on which attention has been focussed is the capture of Vimy Ridge. The immense value of this series of heights, which dominate the plain from an elevation of 400 to 500 feet, has been recognized throughout the war and great sacrifices have been regarded as justifiable if they resulted in its possession. One military critic, commenting on the present battle, thus describes the importance of Vimy Ridge: they are admittedly the bastion of the enemy's Western line. Whatever else has been allowed to go, he held Vimy Ridge with a grim resolve and lavished upon it all the arts in fortification and defensive skill that the war has taught him. Upon it hinges the whole strategy of enemy retreat in the west. With Vimy firmly held, he can swing his line farther south slowly back until each part of it reaches the position where he has a mind to stand and he can cover the French industrial districts upon which he depends so much for supplies. But with Vimy gone the defence of these districts can hardly be maintained as the pivot of the whole retreat, and shifts and gives backward and is in instant risk of fracture. The issues depending upon the British ability to hold the ridge are therefore immense. At the

moment there is nothing to suggest doubt that the Ridge will be held, but the battle is still fiercely continuing and there is little disposition here to indulge in confident predictions. Nevertheless the opinion is expressed that if the Germans are definitely driven from the Ridge without hope of reattacking, they are likely enough to be compelled to acknowledge defeat and retire to what is called the Meuse Line, running from Verdun through Metz, Mauberge and Lille. In the meantime the fighting goes on over a front of about fifty miles, roughly from Lens to St. Quentin, the core of the attack being around and north of Arras. As far as information goes everything is going well for the British, and justifies their sanguine hopes, but comments to-day generally include a warning not to allow these hopes to run too high. The enemy is known to have great reserves at hand and an iron compulsion binds him to make every effort to avoid defeat. The papers warn the country that it should await the event in the spirit of sober expectation and that it is not the time for exuberant boasting.

FIGHTING CONTINUES.

LONDON, To-day.  
Heavy fighting took place last night on the northern end of the Vimy Ridge, from which the Germans were driven. The eastern slope was also cleared. Near St. Quentin the Germans have been driven from the high ground between Leveguier and Hargicourt. Fighting continues along the entire battlefront.

RUSSIA WILL NOT SEEK EXPAN-  
SION.

LONDON, To-day.  
Russia has renounced all idea of territorial expansion, according to a Petrograd despatch, quoting a statement by Minister of Justice Kerenky, who in the course of a speech delivered on Monday declared that while Russia wished more territory she would defend to the end the liberty which she had won. A Reuter correspondent reports that the new Governor General of Finland, Feder Rodtcheff, denounced the Russian peace advocates in an address before a congress of the Constitutional Democratic party which he formerly led in the Duma.

BRITISH TAKE VILLAGE NEAR  
ARRAS.

LONDON, To-day.  
The British have seized the village of Reoux and the neighbouring defences north and south of the Scarpe River. The Germans made a strong attack on a narrow front southeast of Ypres and reached the British support lines. They were driven from the British trenches by a counter attack.

2.30 P.M.

KRONSTADT EXPECTING AN AT-  
TACK.

KRONSTADT, To-day.  
Kronstadt is feverishly preparing to repel an expected German naval attack when the Gulf of Finland is free of ice. A correspondent of the Associated Press reached the famous island fortress by travelling over the vast ice waste which separates it from the mainland and found the garrison working night and day in anticipation of a long predicted assault. The fortress is entirely controlled by a Council elected by the troops, which is unanimously resolved to defend Russian freedom and territory to the last.

KEEPING UP THE GERMAN RE-  
PUTATION.

COPENHAGEN, To-day.  
A Hamburg despatch says that the employees of the big Vulcan ship-building works, who went on strike recently for an increase of wages, did so on the ground that the existing war bonuses were insufficient to meet the distressed conditions. They also demanded extra pay for overtime. Section men at a meeting on Thursday last decided that they would accept nothing less than increase of 33 per cent. It is also reported from Hamburg that an engineer of the Germania shipyards was sentenced to four weeks imprisonment for selling black bread to the Russian war prisoners employed there. The engineer pleaded that he was moved to pity for the Russian's evident hunger. The judge ruled that the engineer's action was likely to lower German workmen in the estimation of foreigners and lessen the reputation of the Germania works.

BRAZIL MAKING READY TO BREAK

RIO JANEIRO, To-day.  
The President of Brazil has informed the cabinet that he will summon it for a conference immediately upon receipt of information regarding the Parana, which he has requested from the legation in Paris. It is learned from reliable sources that a reconstruction of the cabinet was discussed at the last Council of Ministers. It was proposed that the present ad-

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ministration chiefs should resign in a body as soon as relations are broken with Germany.

BREAK EXPECTED TO-DAY.

RIO JANEIRO, To-day.  
The official report regarding the sinking of the Brazilian steamship Parana, which the Government has been awaiting before taking definite action toward Germany, is believed to have been received to-day from the legation in Paris. It is expected that the Government this afternoon will sever relations with Germany.

GOOD RESOLUTION.

LEEDS, To-day.  
At a conference here of the independent labor party a resolution was unanimously adopted calling on the Government to prohibit absolutely the use of foodstuffs in the manufacture of alcoholic liquors during war.

FRENCH OFFICIAL.

PARIS, To-day.  
North of the Oise the enemy's artillery showed less activity than on the preceding days. Patrol encounters and rifle firing in the first lines occurred. South of the Oise we made progress east of the lower forest of Coucy. The artillery fighting was rather heavy in the region northeast of Soissons and especially severe in the sector of Laffaux, southeast of Rheims. We repulsed a surprise attack against one of our trenches north of Sillery. Fighting with grenades occurred in the Champagne west of Maisons de Champagne.

GUATEMALA ALERT.

GUATEMALA CITY, To-day.  
Martial law has been declared in Guatemala. The action was taken on information of disturbances along the Mexican and Salvadoran borders.

Wesley Ladies Aid  
Social and Concert.

The annual tea and concert of Wesley Church Ladies Aid was very largely attended, the spacious S. S. Room being quite full. A very choice programme had been arranged by Mr. Pratt who also was accompanist for most of the singers. The piano solos by Misses Flora Pike and Alice Pike were very sweetly sung. Messrs Trapnell, Ruggles, Courtenay and Foster also contributed solos. All were encores; the audience were very unanimous in saying "seldom heard such singing." Miss Thomas contributed a thrilling patriotic recitation and was redemanded, giving another equally as good. A reading by Mr. A. W. Martin recounting the experiences of two Irishmen in a restaurant, evoked hearty laughter and responding to the continued applause, he read another selection "Tim Doolan's Will," which delighted everybody. Tea, sandwiches and cake followed and a very pleasant hour was spent. The ladies are to be congratulated on the success of the evening in every particular.

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Paper Read to the Ladies' Reading  
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This was, at first, to have been a simple little paper on "The Nursery Bookshelf." However, in order to do anything passably well, one must think seriously—must drink at the fountain-head so to speak—and on going to the nursery bookshelf we find deep things.

In a short article by Hans Andersen, describing a churchyard, I came across these lines: "Here rests—well, it's a very mournful reflection—here rests a man who spent sixty-seven years considering how he should get a good idea. The sole object of his life was to say a good thing, and at last, feeling convinced in his own mind that he had got one, was so glad of it that he died of pure joy at having caught an idea at last!"

Now, an idea came to me, but I sincerely hope that when this reading will have come to an end, you will not wish that it had been sufficiently striking to have sent me to keep that old gentleman company.

In the first place we discover that every good fairy tale is an offshoot of that Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. It is the perfume and glory of Eden which it exhales, and like all beautiful things which have had their root there, spreads out its branches into the "happy-ever-after-time" of the future.

For the spirit within is always calling to the spirit without, while the most important savage searches in the earth, sea and sky for the meaning of the Mystery of Life; and the myths of the ages have come down to us as the strange lore of the childhood of the world.

The fairy tale is the child's first stepping-stone to a knowledge of the universe—the faculty of wonder is the basis of religion. That last sentence is suggestive. It points to the nursery as being the centre round which human life revolves. The artists of a bygone age evidently thought so—if we take their favourite subject of the Madonna and Child into consideration. George Sand (who herself wrote fairy tales for her grandchildren) has said that she could trace the ceaseless working of her imagination back to the earliest days of her childhood, and adds, "to suppress the marvellous in the life of a child is to set at naught the laws of nature. A child lives quite naturally in what are really supernatural conditions; for all within him is wonderful, and all without must, at first sight, appear wonderful also." When we learn that one of the strictest schools of theology declares that, "given a child up to the age of seven years old and they have that child for life," we know that something of vast importance must be going on in the child mind. Plasticity and curiosity are its chief features.

Nathan Oppenheim, A.B. (Harv.) M.D. (Coll. P. & S., N.Y.), author of several books on the development and medical diseases of childhood, has this to say: "His (the child's) plasticity is so great that it assumes the likeness of an active influence, as a sponge fills out with the water in which it floats. Therefore, the time to begin forming a child's disposition or character is really at birth, or even before birth."

The ancient Greeks, indeed, provided for prenatal impressions by surrounding the expectant mother with all that was beautiful and harmonious. It has been affirmed that "George Sand's whole life was coloured by the influence which surrounded her cradle"—"a child of the people through her mother, and a child of the aristocracy through her father, she ascribes her chief instincts to this peculiarity of her birth, 'athwart two classes', as she expresses it, 'to her love for her mother, a love constantly hurt and wounded by prejudices felt long before they could be understood; to her unreasoning affection for her father, and to the violent contrasts which life had presented to her from her infancy.'"

(To be continued.)

Supreme Court.

Present: Mr. Justice Kent.  
The further hearing of the case of Roberts vs. Young was continued yesterday afternoon and this morning. Messrs. Young, Sellers and Stuckland were sworn and gave evidence. At 1 p.m. the Court adjourned.

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