## JOHN THE PLACE TO BUILD THE SHIPS FOR CANADA'S NAVY

**rd Of Trade Issues Stamp nd Leaflet To Boom The Port — Cogent Reasons In ts Favor.**

ith the twofold object of calling attention of the Dominion and Empire to the splendid facilities ex g at St. John for the establishment hipbuilding industries in connec with a Canadian navy and for purpose of awakening the citi of St. John to the opportunities now exist for the construction ry docks and repair sheds here, Board of Trade is today issuing a ial illustrated stamp to be us y the business men on their cor ondence. Accompanying the stamp small pamphlet to be enclosed in letter, giving some of the reasons the ships for Canada's navy ld be built in St. John.

e new stamps and leaflets will sold at cost price and it is ex ed that before long 200,000 will be irculation. The stamp which is ree colors, has a Dreadnought and e maple leaf engraved on it and words, "If Canada is to have a , St. John, N. B., is the place to l the ships." It is about 1 inch ¼ inches in size.

**The Leaflet.**

e leaflet accompanying the stamp ntitled, "Some of the reasons why ships for Canada's navy should be in St. John, New Brunswick." ng the reasons given are, that the ssary raw materials are in the ediate vicinity; that the city was the fifth largest ship owning port he world, and consequently must ess advantages for that industry; it is the Atlantic terminus of C. P. R., the greatest railway sys in the world, and is also the ter us of the I. C. R. and N. B. South Railways; that in the past twelve s the export trade has increased per cent, and in the same years tonnage of the port increased to 7,693 tons and only one large el met with serious damage and according to an independent com lon was due to the negligence he part of those in charge of her; the harbor never freezes, is al s open and always safe, and that e is direct steamship connection many of the principal ports of pe, Africa, America and the West es.

**An Effective Method.**

r. W. E. Anderson, secretary of Board of Trade, who has been king on the details of this new of campaign for some time, king to a Standard reporter yes ay said, that as a method of ad ising the illustrated stamp had found to be most effective and cost was very slight. The plan had used in Australia and other tries and the results had been d most satisfactory. The stamp easily and quickly attached to letter, it occupied little space and not in the least inconvenient.

e leaflet was also of advantage, aid, as it gave much information concise, pithy form. A short ago acting for the Board of Trade ad issued a somewhat similar leaf of interesting facts about New nswick and one of the results was a well-to-do German gentleman intended immigrating to British mbia, had changed his mind and come to New Brunswick instead. is expected that there will be a demand for these stamps as by sting in the advancement and vth of the city the business men gnize that they are helping to e their own business more suc ful and prosperous.

**rary Entertainment Last Evening.**

e Young People's Christian En vor of St. John's Presbyterian rch held a literary entertainment e school room of the church last ing. The entertainment took the of a "Canadian Night," readings given from some of the best wn Canadian authors. There was ery good attendance and a very yable evening was spent. The wing programme was carried out: ctions from Ralph Connor by Al Morrison and C. Henderson; ctions from the poems of Wilfrid pbell by Rev. J. H. A. Anderson; adian National song, O Canada, as a mixed quartette by Mrs. A. m, Miss S. Kennedy and Messrs. er and Benson.

### DEATHS.

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eral at 2.30 from her residence Lancaster, W. St. John. (No owers by request.)

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# CRIMES OF THE CONGO THE GREATEST IN ALL HISTORY

**Conan Doyle Writes of Dreadful Crimes Committed By White Men's Orders.**

**Lopping Off Right Hands of Slaves a Means Towards Greedy End of King.**

### TERRIBLE WHIP OF THE CONGO

"The 'Chicotte' of raw hippo hide, especially a new one, trimmed like a corkscrew, with edges like knife blades," says Glave, in Sir Conan Doyle's book, "The Crime of the Congo," is a terrible weapon, and a few blows bring blood. Generally the victim is in a state of nudity after 25 or 30 blows have been struck. At the first blow he yells abominably, then he quiets down and is a mere groaning, quivering body till the operation is over, when the culprit stumbles away, often with gashes that will endure a lifetime."

A Belgian officer said: "One can hardly believe how difficult it is to administer the chicotte properly. One should spread out the blows so that each shall give a fresh pang. Then we have a law which forbids us to give more than 25 blows in one day, and to stop when the blood flows. One should, therefore, give 24 of the blows vigorously, but without risking to stop. Then, at the twenty-fifth, with a dexterous twist, one should make the 'blood spout."

The chicotte was used on natives who did not bring in as much rubber as the capita ordered.

Following is the second installment from Sir Conan Doyle's book "Crime of the Congo," which was published simultaneously in England and America this week. By special permission The Standard is enabled to print important extracts from this remarkable story of civilization's savage crime against uncivilization.)

(By Sir A. Conan Doyle.)

It is upon the king—King Leopold—that the guilt must lie.

Civilization knows no greater guilt no greater crime—than this "Crime of the Congo." Let us take testimony. First there is a man named Glave who travelled with Stanley and who later travelled alone in Africa.

"In stations in charge of white men," says Glave, "one sees strings of poor, emaciated old women, some of them mere skeltons, working from 6 in the morning until noon, and from 2.30 until 6, carrying clay water jars, tramping about in gangs with a rope around the neck and connected by a rope, one and a half yards apart. They are naked except for a miserable patch of cloth of several parts held in place by a string around the waist. They form, indeed, a miserable spectacle..

**Had Been Fighting.**

"Mr. Harvey heard from Clarke," writes Glave, "in 1895, that the state soldiers had been fighting and taking prisoners. He himself had seen several men with bunches of hands signifying their individual skill. These I presume, they must produce to show their success. Among the hands were those of men and women, and also of little children."

"In November, 1894," says Mr. Murphy, an American missionary, "there was heavy fighting on the Bosira, because the people refused to give rubber. And I was told upon the authority of a state official that no less than 1800 people were killed.

"A chief of a certain town was ordered to give up some fugitives. He replied the fugitives had not been in his town. But when he went to see the officer he was wounded and his wife was killed before his eyes and her head was cut off that they might possess the brass bracelet that she wore.

**The Rubber Question.**

"The rubber question is accountable for most of the horrors in the Congo. It is collected by force. The soldiers drive the people into the brush; if they will not go they are shot down, their left hands being cut off and taken to the commissary.

"These hands—the hands of men, women and children—are placed in rows before the commissary, who counts them to see that the soldiers have not wasted their cartridges. The commissary is paid a commission of about a penny a pound upon all the rubber he gets.

An old man was shot to death before the eyes of a missionary friends of the Rev. Sjoblom, while the missionary was preaching to the people. The soldier told a little boy, eight or nine years of age to go cut off the right hand of the man who had been shot. The man was not quite dead, and when he felt the knife he tried to drag his hand away. The boy, after some labor, cut the hand off and laid it by a fallen tree. A little later the hand was put on the fire to smoke before being sent to the commissary.

**A Commentary.**

I think that picture of a child hacking off the hand of a dying man at the order of the monster, who would have assuredly murdered him also had he hesitated to obey, is as diabolical a one as even the Congo could show. A pretty commentary upon the doctrine of Christ which the missionary was there to preach!

Mr. Sjoblom, seeing a sentinel and a woman passing down a road with a basket of smoked hands, asked them to put out the hands that they might count them.

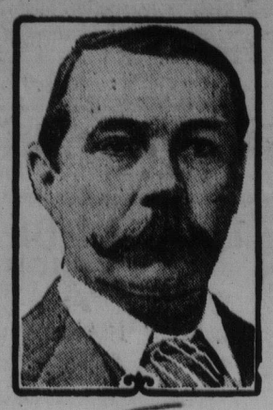
"We counted 18 right hands, smoked, and from the size of the hands we could judge that they belonged to men, women and children."

It was in 1897 that the Congo companies were reorganized, the Belgian Government, meaning the king, taking half their stock. The profits of these companies, at this time ranged from 50 to 700 per cent. a year.

"How huge were the operations which were carried on under the ferocious rule of Capt. Lothaire may be guessed from the fact that the profits of the company, which had been 120,000 francs in 1897, rose to 3,968,000 francs in 1899—a sum which is considerably more than twice the capital. M. Mile tells of a Belgian agent who showed 25,000 cartridges and remarked, 'I can turn those into 25,000 lbs. of rubber.'

(The third installment tomorrow of The Standard's exclusive story of Sir Conan Doyle's new book "The Crime of the Congo," will be devoted to the author's further description of cruelties to the natives.)

### *If War With Belgium Then Let There Be War---Doyle*



SIR CONAN DOYLE.

What shall be done? This is for the statesmen of Europe and America to determine. America hastened before all the rest of the world in 1884 to recognize this new state, and her recognition caused the rest of the world to follow suit. But since then she has done nothing to control what she created.

To bring the matter to a head, the British Government should act without delay. The obvious course would appear to be that, having prepared the ground by sounding each of the great powers, they should then lay before each of them the whole evidence and ask that a European congress should meet to discuss the situation. Such a congress would surely result in the partition of the Congo lands.

Let us suppose, however, that the powers ref use to act, and that we are deserted even by America. Then it is our duty, as it has often been in the world's history, to grapple single-handed with that which should be a common task. A warning and a date must be fixed, and then we must decide our course of action.

**And what shall that action be? War with Belgium? On them must rest the responsibility for that. If Belgium take up the quarrel, then so be it.**

## LADY FRANCIS COOK TO SPEND $1,000,000

New York, ... Y., Oct. 18.—Lady Francis Cook, better known in this country as Tennessee Claflin who arrived here today by the White Star liner Celtic, says that she is ready if need be, to spend $1,000,000, all her fortune, to win votes for women. She will place the money, she says, with New York bankers.

"I am going right to Taft," Lady Cook continued, "to see if I cannot get him to do what Lincoln did, but by peaceful measures. I shall call the president's attention to the fourteenth amendment of the constitution. The constitution says that only idiots, the insane and convicts may not vote and I want to know if that bars women.

"King Edward at heart sympathizes with us, and so did his mother Queen Victoria, before him."

## LADY CARDIGAN MOST TALKED OF WOMAN NOW

**Becky Sharp and the Author of My Recollections Compared ---London Amused and Amazed at Book.**

**NO QUASI YOUTH FOR LADY CARDIGAN**

Had Becky Sharp married Lord Steyne and lived to be eighty-four she would have written just such a journal as Lady Cardigan gave to a grinning world a week or so ago. And Becky would have enjoyed it vastly. So would Thackeray. No doubt so also does Lady Cardigan.

"There is," says T. P. O'Connor, 'something almost uncanny in the thought that the authoress of this book—still enjoying life, still without a pang of indigestion, with the powers of satirical observation and enjoyment which this book shows—can remember personalities who seem to us the legendary figures of history.. .. .. ..but here they come forth from their tombs and their niches, and once again walk the earth." .. .. .. T. P. might have added, with all their sins tacked on to them for every one to see. Judging from extracts from the book—which is the talk of every smoking room in London at the present moment, Lady Cardigan rejoices in the wide swath she has cut in London society.

**A Blonde Wig.**

This terrible old woman wears a blonde wig and white embroidered dresses. In the early fifties she was a beauty, and she is still handsome. She has arrived at that age, however when women give up many of those things they cherish even to the sixties. There can be no more quasi-youth for Lady Cardigan. Beauty lotions and pomades find no place on her dressing table. Lovers vanished long ago off the stage whereon this great lady recites her epilogue. And what an epilogue! There are no longer intrigues, rivals, social battles to be fought. The blonde wig and the white gowns stand for what has been of beauty and youth, and for what remains of audacity and a feline wit.

Here is how she speaks of a one-time rival, of a grande dame, indeed, not long dead, who was once a beauty and always a wit, and who used in later days smear her withered face with cosmetics that no eye could forgive or overlook:

Although Lady A was considered a beauty, she was excessively thin and her scragginess was the source of a joke some years later.

She was devoted to Lord Wilton, but one day she went on board Lord Cardigan's yacht, which was lying off Calshot, and stayed the night before returning to Cowes. Lord Wilton who was furious about it, made quite an unnecessary scene with Cardigan and some kind friend said that, after all, it was only a case of two dogs fighting over a bone.

Poor Lady A.! She was scraggy, but to be called a "bone" must have greatly annoyed her."

How very like some women that is!

**A Golden Voice.**

She must have been very charming, this Countess whose "recollections," are amusing and amazing all London. She had, and has still, a golden voice, like that of Bernhardt. She is never ill, always lively, and she still—at eighty-four—can sing old drawing-room ballads in a way to touch the soul of the listener. She is a living witness to the correctness of the Ouida type of grande dame—a lady of the great world who would sacrifice her best friend to a bon-mot. She was never known to spare a friend at the cost of a witty word. Malicious, indiscreet, audacious, satirical, she has achieved the remarkable feat of fleshing Thackeray's skeleton of the Marquis of Steyne in the person of the Marquis of Hertford, of presenting Lord Ward in the light of a horrible ogre; of leaving with one an abhorrent picture of the personality of Disraeli, and a vulgar one of Royalty eating slices of German sausage with a knife.

An odd claim to fame and popularity, surely!

## *Holland's Happy Family*

First group photograph of the Queen Wilhelmina, her baby girl, who is heir to the throne of Holland, and the Prince Consort.

## PRINCE OF WALES OPENS GREAT NAVAL WORK

Dover, Oct. 18.—The great naval harbor which has been in process of construction for eleven years was opened today by the Prince of Wales with a thunderous booming of big guns on land and sea.

The new harbor cost $20,000,000, is seven hundred acres in extent and in its shallowest place is more than seven and a half fathoms deep. As many as forty battleships and twice that number of smaller ships can rendezvous in it without crowding.

It will be used largely as a base for the Atlantic Channel and North Sea fleets. Formerly little better than an open roadstead, it is now practically landlocked, as the east and west moles overlap, completely protecting it from torpedo attack or heavy seas.

The war ships in the harbor at the opening today were gaily dressed, and manoeuvres by troops on shore added to the animation of the scene.

## AERONAUTICS AND DANCING: A NEW ONE

**President of French Academy Introduces a Novel Oblation to Terpischore---How the Measure is Negotiated.**

London, Oct. 18.—The president of the Academy of French Dancing Masters has invented a new dance, which he calls the "Aeronette" and the assembled professors of the academy welcomed it with enthusiasm. It is described as follows:

The couples take up positions as for an ordinary waltz, and the first two measures are danced to a rapid galop time with a forward movement, intended to represent the start of the aeroplane. The rising of the flying machine from the ground is indicated by the dancers raising their arms above their heads as though to imitate the flight of a bird.

Then the couples take a few steps in advance and the aeroplane in the air is shown by means of a gliding step, the partners at the same time swaying their arms lightly to and fro to imitate the movement of the aeroplane while finding its equilibrium. This is repeated several times.

The Aeronette ends with the descent of the aeroplane of which the couples give an imitation by vaulting lightly from one foot to the other and inclining the head.

## SUSPICION TOO MUCH FOR SWEDISH SCIENTIST

**Professor Ekinburg Taken to Asylum Following Protestation of Innocence Regarding Stockholm Explosions.**

London, Oct. 18.—As an extraordinary sequel to recent bomb outrages in Sweden, Professor Martin Ekenburg, doctor of philosophy and a well known Swedish scientist, has lost his reason and today was removed to an asylum. The professor's mental condition can be directly attributed to the knowledge that he was suspected of complicity in, if not the authorship of, the crimes. It is even stated that a warrant for Professor Ekenburg's arrest had actually been issued at Gothenburg, Sweden, despite the fact that he frantically protested his innocence.

Ion Hammer, director of the Swedish Export Association, received in his morning's mail on October 9 a bomb that in exploding tore away the thumb and pro finger of his right hand. On the same day a similar instrument of death was mailed to John Sjocholm, a manufacturer, of Gothenburg. At the time it was charged that the crimes were committed by a secret committee of the young socialist party which had sentenced to death certain prominent anti-socialists.

Professor Ekenburg, who is a resident of this city, recently returned from Stockholm, and it was not long after the outrages that rumors connecting his name with the affair reached his ears.

## ABRUZZI TO SUCCEED GEORGE OF GREECE

Rome, Oct. 18.—The Stampa, of Turin, states that a majority of the leaders in the recent military movement in Greece favor a plan to offer the crown to the Duke of the Abruzzi whose name has been connected so long and frequently with that of Miss Katherine Elkins upon the eventual abdication of King George.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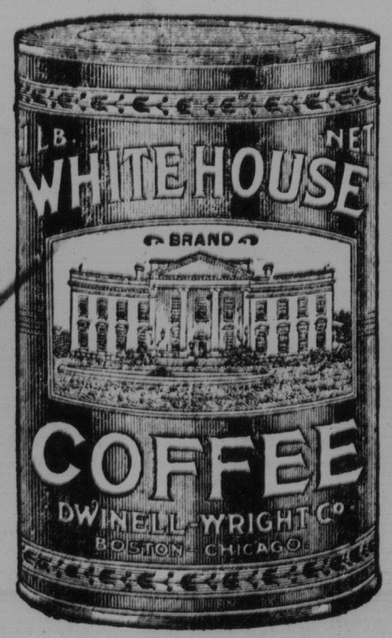


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