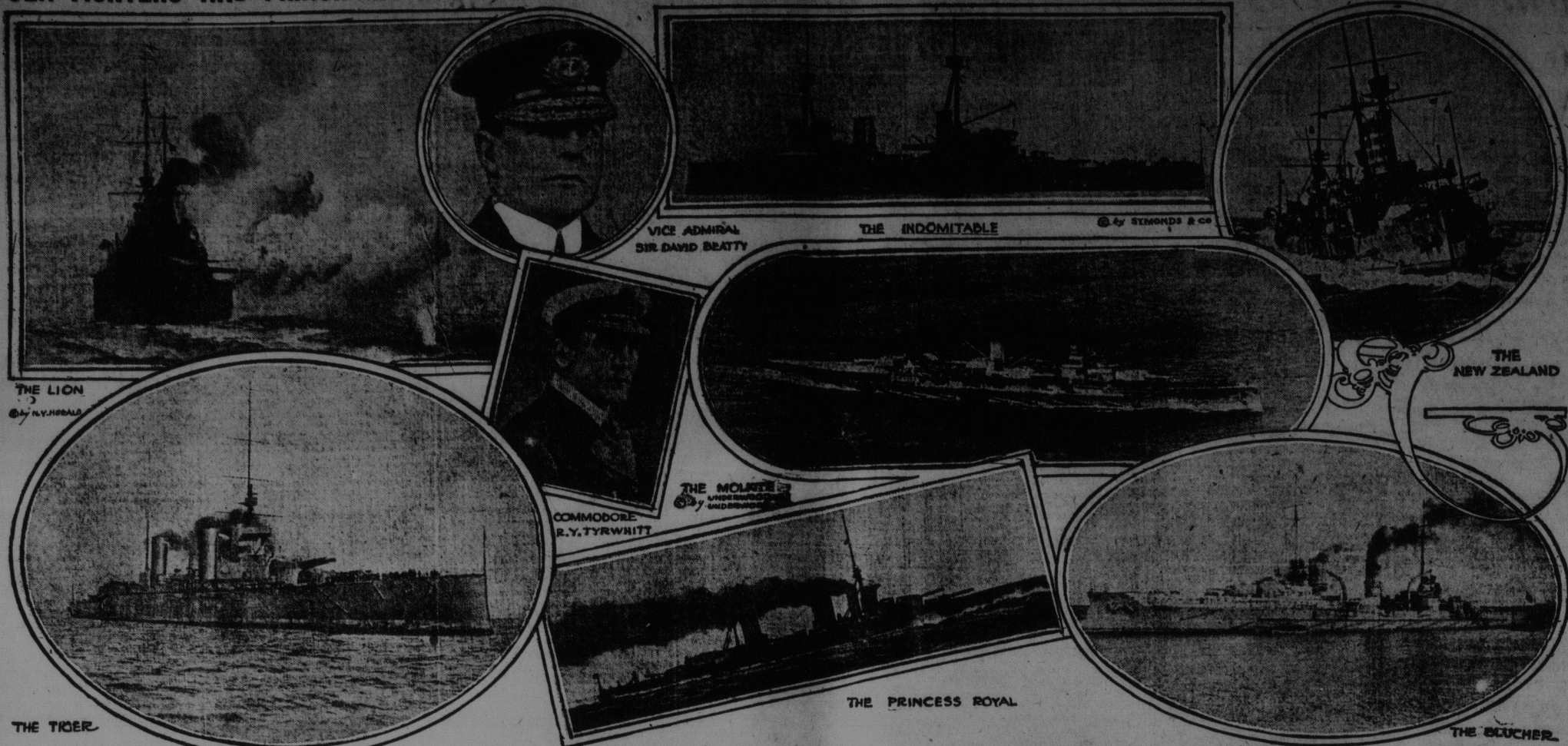


SEA FIGHTERS AND PRINCIPALS IN NORTH SEA BATTLE IN WHICH GERMAN CRUISER WAS SUNK AND TWO OTHERS CRIPPLED.



Another great sea victory was scored by the British navy when a squadron under Vice Admiral Sir David Beatty and Commodore Tyrwhitt met, pursued and signally defeated in the North Sea a squadron which included several of the largest and newest German battle cruisers, and which were on their way to make another raid on English coast towns. The Bluecher, an armored cruiser of 15,550 tons and with a crew of 885 on board, was sunk. Two of the battle cruisers were severely damaged when they escaped into the German mine area. The vessels taking part on the British side were the Lion, the Princess Royal, the New Zealand and the Indomitable, while the German squadron was composed of the Derfflinger, the Moltke and the Bluecher.

THE YOUNGEST SOLDIER IN FRENCH RANKS

Lad of 13, a Sergeant—Has Fought in Trenches and Killed Germans.

This is the story of the youngest and oldest noncommissioned officer in the French ranks, as told by G. Ward Price in the London Mail in a letter from Malo-les-Bains:

On the sand-strewn, almost deserted promenade of this little seaside town you can find almost every morning just now a sight that, if it were transferred to England, ought to be

the finest object lesson in recruiting possible. It is just two volunteers in the French army, noncommissioned officers. But one happens to be the youngest and the other the oldest noncommissioned officer in France. Their names are Sergt. Edouard Martel, who is thirteen years old, and Adj. (this is to say, Sergt. Maj.) Louis Martel, who is fifty-nine.

And let no one think that Sergt. Martel is not what soldiers would call a "pukka" sous-officer. He is as genuine a sergeant, with as good a right to the gold stripe that he wears on each arm as any six-foot martinet with a beard like Agass and a voice like a horn.

He has fought with the 6th Engineers through the whole campaign. I say fought advisedly, for with his little carbine he has killed Germans, according to the reckoning of his comrades, up to the number of about ten; he has spent days and nights on end in the trenches which his corps were digging under fire; he has crawled hundreds of yards among bursting shells to fetch bags and cartridges and sticks of explosives, and he only won his stripe by services in the field which would have gained it for any of his maturer comrades-in-arms.

How the Boy Got a Gun.

The proof is that the name of Sergt.

Edouard Martel is regularly entered upon the rollcall of the French Army, and he receives the regulation sergeant's pay of 72 centimes (about 14 cents) a day, which he sends home to his mother in French Lorraine.

He was working in a hat factory in Marzeville, where he was born, he told me, at the beginning of the war. His father is a permanent invalid, and young Martel is the fourth of a family of five. The 6th sappers marched through the town and spent one night there in billets. That night was enough to give this slip of a boy an opportunity which has been offered in vain for three months to thousands of hefty young Englishmen.

"I went to see the captain," says young Sergt. Martel, "and asked him if he would let me join his company. He said yes, if my mother would let me. So I went and asked mother if I could go, and she said, 'Yes, if the captain will have you.'"

"You see," he put in gravely, "I don't think either of them thought the other would let me be a soldier. So I went back to the captain and said, 'Mother says I can go.'"

He laughed very much and told me that if I came I should be very tired and perhaps not get enough to eat. Well, I said I wanted to go, all the same, and that he had promised to take me. So he gave me a carbine and the men got some blue cloth and made me this uniform and I started, with them.

"We were fighting in Lorraine and on the Marne, on the Aisne and near Ypres, in Belgium."

I asked him to tell me about his first battle. Had he had shells burst near him? "But yes, as near as that," pointing to a lamp-post 10 yards away. Did not that make him afraid? "But no, only muddled."

Did he shoot any Germans in that battle? "But yes." One at least he was sure of, and he thought he had got two more. How did he do it? "Eh bien, it was like this. We had gone out at night to dig new trenches nearer to the Germans than the old ones, and when it got light the Boches began to shoot at us. I could see one of them quite plainly with his spiked helmet, so I asked what range it was, and one of the camarades told me 300 yards."

"I had several shots without hitting him, and then I had another, and I saw the Boche drop his rifle and roll over sideways."

Young Martel's great friend at Malo-les-Bains, where he is finishing his convalescence, is Adj. Louis Martel, the 59-year-old sous-officer, who claims to

be the oldest N.C.O. of the French army. He rejoined as a volunteer for the war, though he has long been on the retired list—a sturdy old peasant of Perpignan, with thick-set body, deep chest and a sunburnt face, whose iron-gray beard is all that speaks to his age.

He is in the 80th Infantry of the Line and he has spent 42 days on end in the trenches. That brought out his old rheumatism, and he has been sent here to rest a little. He and young Sergt. Martel would be taken for grandfather and grandson. They call each other "Sergeant" and "Adjutant" with the utmost correctness and solemnity. Grizzled old veteran and fair-haired, blue-eyed boy.

Both have given themselves for France in her day of need; both have fought bravely for her through danger that spread death, all around them and the misery of cold and wet and hunger that must be endured but is difficult to describe.

DECIDE ON DESIGN FOR STRATHCONA MEMORIAL

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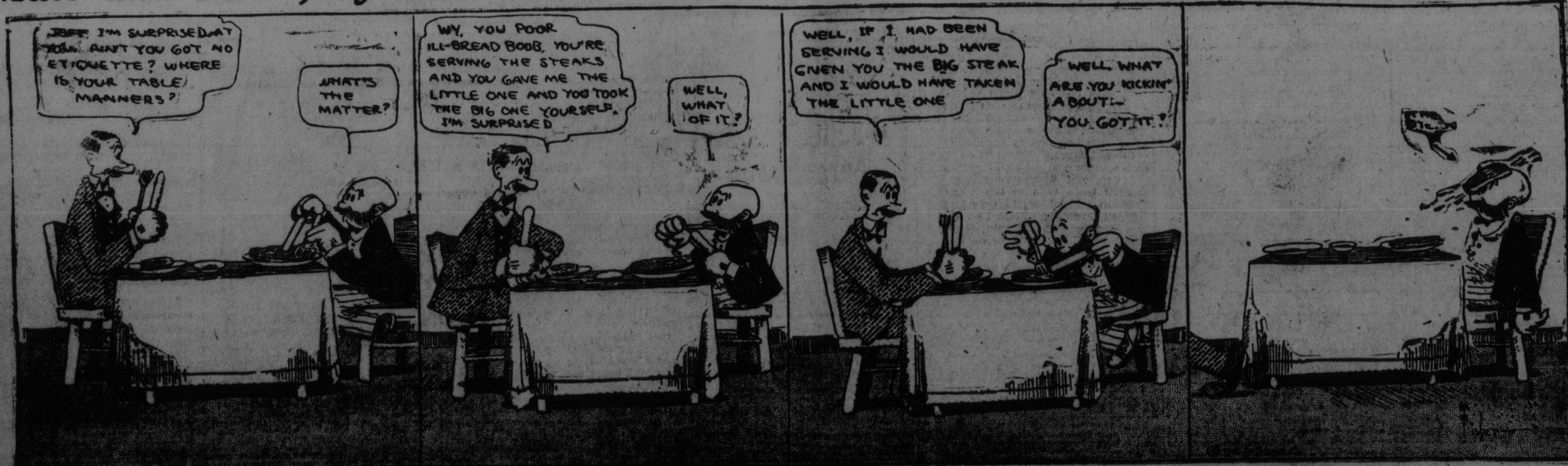
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SUGAR FOR OLD
The steamer Boettcher, tons of sugar at Wexford, Dartmouth, to be shipped.

THE HEAD
The Head Liner R. M. leave Glasgow on Saturday general cargo. She will carry here for Dublin.

THE MANCHESTER
The Manchester Liner sailed yesterday for Philadelphia via Philadelphia. The Manchester Special for Manchester today. The steamer Manchester, Capt. Scott, arrived at the 24th.

THE SEAMEN'S
Owing to the grant induced for the Seamen will be found necessary collectors to obtain funds for the mission in existence many sailors are benevolent and undoubted generous support.

SCHOONER REF.
The American fishing schooner which ran ashore at Beach, Halifax, Saturday, re-floated Monday by Bridgewater.

NEW REGUL.
A new regulation of U. S. Department of Commerce went into effect on the 1st inst. It makes it compulsory for all ships of 200 tons propelled by steam to carry a supply of oil of smoothing the sea and force of the waves in gency.

STMR. PARTHENIA
The Donaldson Liner arrived in port from Glasgow about 4:30 o'clock yesterday. The ship sailed on the 14th inst. and had weather during the voyage charging general cargo in freight and will then return to load horses.

PORTLAND SHIP.
Portland Argus: Strathay, the first of several grain and other ships, Belgian sufferers, sailing out a full cargo of wheat which she will Rotterdam, permission same having been secured from the British, German and governments. Three four steamers are expected here under the Belgian Relief Committee, amounting in the about 1,000,000 bushels, in addition such supplies, food, etc., as the people of the State.

The steamer Atenas, Del Toro, landed at Halifax. Captain Geoffrey and his crew of the schooner Cella F., which off Cape San Antonio shipwrecked crew was transferred to the Atenas, sailed from Bridge.