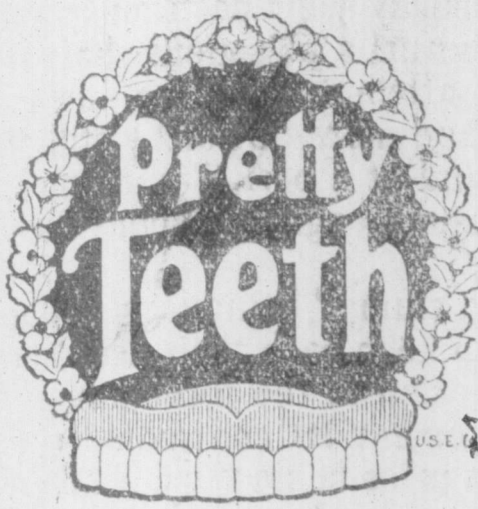


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"The Watch on the Rhine" was to Germany at that time what the "Marseillaise" was to France—a soul-stirring composition, which made men eager to take up arms and fight for the cause which they thought was right.

Most Stately.

Probably the most stately National Anthem is the Russian. Its very title, "God the All Terrible," seems to strike a heroic strain. Sung by a great mass of peasant soldiers with simple fervor, its effect is grand in the extreme. Played upon the grand organ in the cathedral at Moscow it sounds like a prayer. Not only are the words very poetical, but the tune is forceful and haunting.

Greatest War Song.

Of course the greatest of all war songs pure and simple is unquestionably "The Marseillaise." What memories it has clinging to its fervidly patriotic words! It was the song of the French Revolution and did more to bring down the dynasty of the Bourbons than half a dozen army corps. It was called by the name which still is universally applied to it, because the men—and women—of Marseilles, the port of the Mediterranean, marched all the way to Paris singing it as they went. Its first fruits were reaped a few days after their arrival when the hated Bastille fell to its straits. It is now the National Anthem of Republican France.

Composed by Haydn.

The Austrian National Anthem is one of the finest in existence. It was composed in 1797 by that great national composer Haydn, who is chiefly known to concert goers by his magnificent oratorio "The Creation," in which occurs the splendid and florid chorus "The Heavens are Telling." The anthem was based upon an old National song, but Haydn made it a thing of beauty. It is the only national anthem composed by a musician of the foremost rank.

But the song which is sung in cities by civilians is not always, or indeed generally, the one sung by the soldiers who have to bear the brunt of battle and siege and march. The most popular song in Vienna is "Prinz Eugen der edle Ritter," which tells how the "noble cavalier," Prince Eugene of Savoy, who was the ally of the great Marlborough, laid siege to and captured Belgrade from the Turks in 1717.

Our Own Anthem

Our own National Anthem is a Georgian product and originally opened with the words "God bless Great George our King." It has been honored by Beethoven with seven variations for the piano, and it is introduced into his Battle Symphony. On the whole, perhaps, the time to which we sing "God Save the King" has probably the largest circulation of any tune in the world.

Then there is "Rule Britannia," perhaps the finest national song possessed by any nation, and which was composed by Dr. Arne, the English musician, who wrote several operas. "Rule, Britannia" was included in the "Masque of Alfred," a musical farce produced in 1740.



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**CELEBRATED ANNIVERSARY**

Couple Married in Nfld., Golden Wedding at Sydney

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hickey, Pleasant Street, was the scene of a happy event on Monday last, it being the celebration of the golden wedding anniversary of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hickey, who fifty years ago were united in the holy bonds in the little town of Fortune, Nfld., says the North Sydney Herald.

Early in the day telegrams of congratulations and tokens of affection were received by the aged couple from their sons George, in Seattle, Capt. Arthur, who was in Boston at the time, and their daughter, Mrs. Carter, in Winnipeg, besides other relatives and friends. In the afternoon the ladies of the Methodist Church, of which the happy celebrants are life-long and active members, called on Mr. and Mrs. Hickey, all bringing loving tokens in honor of the occasion.

Besides admiring friends there were about fifteen near relatives of the couple sitting at the festive board, where felicitations and expressions of many years of happiness were unanimously showered upon the aged and respected couple.

Mr. Hickey is now in his seventy-eighth year and his amiable life partner six years his junior. Both enjoy excellent health. Thirty years ago they came to North Sydney from their Newfoundland birthplace and ever since have been held in highest esteem by the entire community who in common with the Old Home Paper will wish them continued health and happiness.

**FATHER MATTHEW CELEBRATION**

Fittingly Observed by the T. A. & B. Society

The memory of the great apostle of Total Abstinence was most fittingly celebrated on Sunday morning by the Members of the T. A. and B. Society by attending at St. Patrick's Church and at the Cathedral at 8 o'clock Mass to the number of upwards of 300 including a contingent from the Juvenile Branch. Many of the older members would have been in the Parade if it were not for the inclement weather.

On their return to their Hall President Ellis congratulated the members, especially the boys from the Junior Branch. The Society met again in the afternoon, it being their monthly meeting. Seven applicants, including one transfer from Junior Branch, were unanimously elected to membership. Words of encouragement were tendered them by the President, exhorting the newly-elected ones to be faithful to their pledge.

The regular business was then gone into an adjournment was taken at 5.30.

**ST. BON'S WON COLLEGE FOOTER**

Took the Game From the Feildians Saturday

The third College football match was played on St. George's field, Saturday afternoon. The contestants were the Feildians and St. Bon's, and the latter came off victorious by 4 goals to 1.

The Feildian team is composed of young and light players, put up a very creditable defence against their heavier opponents.

In the first half St. Bon's scored 1 goal, and on changing ends added 2 more, while the Feildians notched up one. W. J. Higgins was referee.

St. Bon's now lead with 4 points, the Collegians 2 and the Feildians nil.

**ARTHUR C. HUSKINS AT THE NICKEL**

The great attraction at the Nickel Theatre last evening was the first appearance of the great lyric tenor, Arthur C. Huskins, who comes from a successful tour of Canada. He has appeared in many of the leading concert halls of America, and everywhere he has met with great success. He has a great collection of songs and no doubt they will please our people.

Another great attraction for this evening is the Vitagraph two-part film, "Iron and Steel" in which the movie idol, Maurice Costello, appears in the leading character, ably assisted by Mary Charleson. This is a thrilling film.

There will be a full reel of Hearst-Selig News Pictorial showing the leading events of the world. "Moscow" is a delightful travelogue; it shows the leading scenes of that great city.

Two comedies will be found on the programme this evening. One is "A Flirt's Mistake" in which Fatty Arbuckle hands out the fun by the bushel. Mr. Huskins made a wonderful impression. Very few vocalists in St. John's have received such genuine applause.

His first song, "Bonnie Sweet Bonnie" and his rendition of "I won't be the greatest praise." He possesses a beautiful voice of great range and sweetness and his many admirers hope his stay in St. John's will be lengthy. The audience was so pleased with his singing that they showered applause on him, and he was obliged to respond to an encore. This evening he will repeat his songs and many who were present last evening will attend again.

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