

THE LOSS OF THE
BIRKENHEAD

(By Sir Francis H. Doyle.)

Right on our flank the sun was dropping down;
The deep sea heaved around in bright repose;
When, like the wild shriek from some captured town,
A cry of women rose.

The stout ship Birkenhead lay hard and fast,
Caught without hope upon a hidden rock;
Her timbers thrilled as nerves, when through them passed
The spirit of that shock.

And ever, like base cowards, who leave their ranks
In danger's hour, before the crash of steel,
Drifted away, disorderly, the planks
From underneath her keel.

So calm the air—so calm and still the flood,
That low down in its blue translucent glass
We saw the great fierce fish, that thirst for blood,
Pass slowly, then re-pass.

They tarried, the waves tarried for their prey!
The sea turned one clear smile! Like things asleep
Those dark shapes in the azure silence lay,
As quiet as the deep.

Then amidst oaths, and prayers, and rush, and wreck,
Paint screams, faint questions waiting no reply,
Our colonel gave the word, and on the deck
Formed us in line to die.

To die!—'Twas hard, while the deck o'er him glowed
Beneath a sky as fair as summer flowers:
"All to the boats!" cried one—he was, thank God,
No officer of ours.

Our English hearts beat true—we would not stir;
That base appeal we heard, but heeded not;
On land, on sea, we had our colors, sir,
To keep without a spot.

They shall not say in England, that we fought
With shameful strength, unbroken line to seek;
Into mean safety, mean deserters, brought
By tramping down the weak.

So we made women with their children go,
The oars fly back again, and yet again;
Whist, inch by inch, the drowning ship sank low,
Still, under steadfast men.

—What follows, my recall—the brave who died,
Died without flinching in the bloody surf,
They sleep as well beneath that purple tide
As others under turf.

They sleep as well, and roused from their wild grave,
Wearing their wounds like stars, shall rise again,
Joint-heirs with Christ, because they bled to save
His weak ones, not in vain.

That Peace might gather all beneath her wings!
No lamentations here,
The weary hero lays him down to rest
As tired infant at the mother's breast.

Without a care, without thought of fear,
Waking to greet upon the other shore,
The glorious host of comrades gone before.

Born to his kindred earth;
The spirit to the fellowship of souls!
As slowly time the mighty scroll unrolls
Of waiting ages yet to have their birth.

Fame, faithful to the faithful, writes on high
His name as one that was not born to die.

A NEW BATTLESHIP
BUILT EACH MONTH

Submarine Completed Every Three
Days, in Repair in London—
Could Lose All Fleet

London, April 14.—If the British public were privately informed that the British fleet was being augmented by something like a submarine every three days, a destroyer every week and a battleship, cruiser or dreadnought every month it would laugh the statement to scorn. And yet that is a fact.

If Britain's present overwhelming fleet were to meet defeat at the hands of the German navy and be totally destroyed there would be a residue of such dimensions that the balance of sea power would still remain with Great Britain.

By May 1 this country will not only be supreme from a naval standpoint, but it will have a perfectly trained and equipped army of 1,500,000 men. By the end of the war England will have the biggest navy that the world has ever seen and it will also possess the largest army in the world.

Of course it is not contended that Great Britain is building a submarine every three days. That would be an utterly impossible thing. But there are other ways of obtaining these little craft. Every day that the German fleet remains cooped up in Kiel the odds are increasing enormously against Germany.

The French War Office denies a German charge that churches and other public buildings in Paris and Troyes were being used for military purposes.

Raymond Swoboda, charged with being a German spy and with setting fire to the steamship La Touraine, now proves to be "Raymond Ruff Schwind."

DYSPEPSIA GONE! NO INDIGESTION,
GAS, SOURNESS—PAPE'S DIAPEPSIN

Time It! In Five Minutes Your
Sick, Upset Stomach
Feels Fine

When your meals don't fit comfortably, or when you eat like a lump of lead in your stomach, or if you have heartburn, that is a sign of indigestion.

Get from your pharmacist a fifty-cent case of Pape's Diapepsin and take a dose just as soon as you can. There will be no sour risings, no belching of undigested food mixed with acid, no stomach gas, no heartburn, fullness or heavy feeling in

the stomach, nausea, debilitating headaches, dizziness or intestinal griping. This will all go, and, besides, there will be no sour food left over in the stomach to poison your breath with nauseous odors.

Pape's Diapepsin is a certain cure for out-of-order stomachs, because it takes hold of your food and digests it just the same as if your stomach wasn't there.

Relief in five minutes from all stomach misery is waiting for you at any drug store.

These large fifty-cent cases contain enough "Pape's Diapepsin" to keep the entire family free from stomach disorders and indigestion for many months. It belongs in your home.

BABY'S FACE
MASS OF ERUPTION

Spread Over Head and Neck. Caused
Disfigurement, Burning and Itching.
Cuticura Healed.

1111 Bloor Ave., West Toronto, Ont.—
"I have noticed a rash on my child's face
which soon began to spread
all over his head and then
around his neck. It was in
red patches on his face,
then plaques began to form
which broke and master
was running from them.
His face and head was a
mass of eruption and it
caused a very bad disfigurement, also burning
and itching.

"We were recommended to try Cuticura
Soap and Ointment. In about six weeks
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Wm. Tucker, Feb. 10, 1914.

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dress post-card "Cuticura, Dept. D, Bos-
ton, U. S. A." Sold throughout the world.

Will Hurl Germany
FROM MILITARY POWER

No Chance For Peace Which
Leaves Map of Europe as it
Stood Last July—The Allies'
Position

(By G. F. Bertell in the New York
American.)

Paris, April 12.—After having sound-
ed persons in official and influential
circles here regarding the peace feel-
ings in the United States, I am able au-
thoritatively to state that the Allied
position after eight months of warfare
is as follows:

France and Britain are fully aware of
Germany's preparedness to sign a peace
which shall leave Europe precisely as it
was in last July, with no territorial
changes and no agreement regarding the
limitation of armaments.

France, Britain and Russia, however,
are more than ever determined to persist
in their resolution to force last Sep-
tember to hurl Germany from her position
of military dominance. They hold un-
flinchingly to their plan of shattering
Germany's striking forces. No peace
pressure exerted through neutral coun-
tries, obliquely or direct, will be allowed
to influence their resolution.

Germany's readiness to call the great
war a draw and revert to the status
quo ante bellum meets no favorable re-
sponse in France, Britain or Russia, for
the following four reasons:

(1) The British and French armies
will reach their highest pitch of effec-
tiveness as offensive forces during next
month, during the very moment the
weakening of the great German machine
is expected to become most apparent.

(2) Germany's methods of frighten-
ing on land, on sea and in the air
"Towards the close" of the second day
of a fiercely contested fight an am-
bulance party arrived in a village some
miles from the firing line and began
quartering the wounded upon those of
the civilian population who remained.

Into a cottage inhabited by a girl of
eighteen and her mother was carried a
young soldier mortally wounded. He had
only a few minutes to live, and, as he
was laid upon the bed, the girl dropped
on her knees by his side, weeping. He
was her sweetheart and he died with
his hand in hers.

In the night the ambulance party re-
turned to the firing line, and when the
mother, who had fallen asleep, awoke
she found herself alone with the dead
soldier. The latter's uniform had dis-
appeared and her daughter was missing.

The village advanced against a strong
German position. A regiment was sent
to the attack to meet a terrible fire.
The standard bearer fell, and when the men
saw the flag fall they lost heart.

Suddenly, out in front of them all,
dashed a young soldier, who held the
flag aloft and faced the enemy. With a
cheer the men followed. Throughout
the desperate fight at the crest of the
hill the flag was seen waving and finally
the Germans were routed.

After the position had been finally oc-
cupied and the regiment had reformed
in its folds upon the ground. It was
Marie Louise Dubois, who in her dead
sweetheart's uniform, had led his reg-
iment to victory and so avenged him.

"You know, Miss Blank," said the
proprietor of a railway station restau-
rant, "there is a great deal in having your
sandwiches look attractive." "Yes, sir, I
know it," replied the girl. "I have done
everything I could. I have dusted them
grey, morning for the last ten days."

TRUSTEES WANT
THAT \$10,000

Council Tells Delegation it is Not
Available—Hon. Mr. Baxter
City Solicitor at \$1,500 a Year
—Regular Weekly Meeting

A delegation from the Board of School
Trustees, consisting of chairman R. B.
Emerson, M. Coll and Secretary Gor-
don Leavitt, waited on the council
yesterday afternoon to ask that
provision should be made for the \$10,000
which had been cut from their esti-
mates.

Mr. Emerson explained their need for
the money and asked if the council
would find it for them. Mr. Coll said
their estimates were provided for by
law and demanded the money.

Commissioner Potts said that Mr.
Emerson was one of the citizens who
had demanded that the city should cut
the estimates and the school board was
the only body which refused to stand
by the cut. He suggested that, if the
board could not manage the schools on
the money allowed they should resign
and let the commissioners do it.

After some further discussion the
council decided to deal with the mat-
ter later on and the delegation left with-
out any assurance other than that the
city would not be responsible for an
overdraft.

A resolution was adopted asking the
provincial government to abolish the
office of city recorder and another was
passed appointing Hon. J. B. M. Baxter
city solicitor with an annual retainer
of \$1,500 and extra compensation for ap-
pearing in court.

A communication from residents of
Lancaster asking for an early start on
the construction of the proposed stan-
dard pipe was referred to Commissioner
Wignome.

A letter from Fred Ramsay who left
the city employ to enter the Army
Medical Corps and who was discharged
he stated "owing to not being sworn in
properly" was filed. The letter stated
that Commissioner Russell had promised
his job back and that Commissioners
Potts and Wignome were also favorable.

Commissioner Russell explained that
as Ramsay had gone abroad he had not
been able to get his job back and that
he did not feel under any obligation to give
him the job again, and at any rate it
was rather an important position and
must be approved by the council.

A communication from Recorder Bar-
rington stated that the city had no case
against the city for wrongful
dismissal as police officers understood in
being employed that they were not to
be dismissed without notice, and the city
charter also provided that non-elective
heads of departments had full power to
appoint or dismiss the men of their de-
partment.

A communication from the McClary
Manufacturing Company referring to the
use of military field kitchens, costing
\$2,000 each, by the 20th battalion, was
referred to Mayor Frink, as it was felt
that funds might be contributed for the
purpose as was being done in Ontario.
Four kitchens would equip the bat-
talion.

The commissioner of public works
asked for authority to establish a street
grade in Metcalf street, between Ade-
laide and Albert streets, and was in-
structed to consult the recorder as to the
liability incurred in raising the street

above the level of some houses in the
street.

Commissioner Wignome announced
that he would move, at an early date, for
the extension of water and sewerage in
Metcalf street extension.

How Sickly Women
May Get Health

If they could only be made to see that
half their ills are caused by impure
blood, it wouldn't take long to cure them
with Dr. Hamilton's Pills. Truly a won-
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ens, renews. Every tired, worn out, wo-
man that tries Dr. Hamilton's Pills will
improve rapidly, will have better color,
increased appetite and better digestion.

No better rebuilding tonic can be
found than Dr. Hamilton's Pills have
been American. The beverage sold
medicine, 25¢ per box at all dealers.

Too Much Alcohol.

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noon Frank Marney was fined \$100 or
three months in jail for selling liquor
without a license. The charge was
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An Advertisement to Wives

Perhaps you don't want your husband to
insure his life. The possibility of his dying
suddenly seems too awful to think about.
And getting money as a result of such a
tragedy offends your conscience.

Well now, do you know two widows, one
left comfortably provided for by life insur-
ance money and another left destitute?
Ask them what they think of life insurance.
Then draw your own conclusions.

If what they say leads you to believe in life in-
surance—as we believe it will—ask for our free booklet
"Safeguard your legacy." It will tell you about an
Imperial Life Policy in which your husband can
invest a few dollars each year. Then if he should
die we will pay to you as long as you live—regularly
—each month—a certain amount of money to keep
you and the little ones from want.

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Address.....
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"The purchasing power of a dollar
just about half what it was twenty
years ago," said a prominent industrial
director, "but I bought yesterday in
Semi-ready store for \$25 a grey worst-
ed-look suit which is exactly
texture and wool quality to what I pa-
cific a custom tailor \$35 for in 1895. I know
for I have both suits today for face
face comparison."

The proprietors of the Semi-ready
tailoring idea started in 1888 to effe-
ct that saving by efficiency methods
hand-tailoring and by wholesale met-
ods of manufacturing and distribution.
Every principle of economy was
studied, even to the showing of sam-
ples to the merchants throughout the coun-
try. A Semi-ready traveler carries his dis-
play and patterns on a close schedule, stay
but a day in a town.

Each year has shown some substantial
progress in the reduction of cost and
the uplift of quality. Most of the clo-
thing patterns in the Semi-ready fash-
ions are woven to order from import
wool yarns bought in England by its
resident executive. Savings of as much
as \$1 a suit have been effected in 1914,
and the Prince Rupert store suit
\$25 is today equal in value to many
\$35 suits.

Even the ready-made clothes have
proved the quality of their cloth to be
the customer's and hence the "ready-
made" for something better. So the
Semi-ready can claim credit for an up-
lift in the whole clothing trade in Canada.
The "price in the pocket" is an im-
portant factor. It is like the public
ed price list of the stock and grain ex-
changes for it prevents any extortion
demands above the standard value.

In the face of advancing costs
wages, material, rents and all incidents
of trade, a suit of Semi-ready clothes
today costs 25 per cent. less than the
quality of tailoring cost twenty-
five years ago. That is something ac-
complished in one line of industry.

The Semi-ready Store, 84 King st.
is the only shop in St. John where
genuine Semi-ready Tailoring may
be seen.

Of the Fiji Islands' population of 90,000,
58,000 are said to be adherents of
the Methodist Church.

Prince Rupert Sends Million
Pounds Fish East Each Month

Some striking figures showing the re-
markable growth of the fishing industry
in the coast waters of northern British
Columbia have just been made public at
Prince Rupert by the fishery committee
of the city. More than nine million
pounds of halibut, in addition to sal-
mon, cod and herring, was landed there
in 1914.

Since the inauguration of through
service between Prince Rupert and Win-
nipeg over the Grand Trunk Pacific it
has been shipped east each month to the
prairies, Chicago, Montreal, New York,
etc.

The catch was worth more than half
a million dollars in 1914, and in the pre-
sent year it will be even larger and more
valuable.

Many communities are now able to
secure fresh sea fish for the first time,
and all markets obtain it in much fresh-
er and better condition than heretofore.

The fishery committee of the city was
entertained by the Prince Rupert Board
of Trade to a luncheon served on the
Grand Trunk Pacific steamship Prince
George when the results of the year's
work were made known, and G. W.
Nickerson, the chairman, announced that
new facilities for handling the trade were
planned.

Prince Rupert, it was shown, was now
in the centre not only of the deep sea,
but of the salmon fishing industry,
which provided an annual revenue of
more than \$2,000,000.

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Burning the Candle
at Both Ends

You cannot burn a candle at both ends
without greatly shortening the period of its
existence. The same applies to the nerve force
—the power which drives the machinery of the
body. The supply is limited. The waste result-
ing from the activities of the day is replenished
by the night's rest and sleep—for sleep is
Nature's greatest restorative.

When the hours of activity are greatly in-
creased and those of restoration cut down you are
burning the candle of nerve force at both ends,
and sooner or later nervous collapse must follow.
There will be warning symptoms, such as head-
aches, sleeplessness, irritability, indigestion and
feelings of fatigue and depression. If you will
heed this warning take things easier and use Dr.
Chase's Nerve Food. You can prevent serious de-
velopments.

These letters bring a message of good cheer to all
who suffer from exhaustion of the nervous system.
They tell of the most successful nerve restorative
of modern times—Dr. Chase's Nerve Food. There is new
hope and courage, new health and strength for you in
the use of this great food cure. It has proved its effi-
ciency in so many thousands of cases that it can scarce-
ly fail to benefit you. Fifty cents a box, 6 for \$2.50, all
dealers, or Edmanson, Bates & Co., Limited, Toronto.
Insist on getting what you ask for.

Fainting Spells—Sleeplessness

Miss Emma Scott, Athens, Ont., writes:—"Dr. Chase's Nerve Food
has done me a world of good. I was troubled with fainting spells,
bodily weakness, and spent restless, sleepless nights. I frequently
found myself in the morning, and would at times become entirely
insensible, not knowing what was going on until others told me
afterwards."

"I doctored with several doctors, and they told me I was
thinned with parasites. They gave me pills, but could not cure
me. After suffering for three days I began the use of Dr. Chase's
Nerve Food and it has done me more good than all the medicines I
ever used."

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dreamed of until tried. Get a
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well and strong again."—Geo. Curtis, 840
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fall I had down fourteen steps and injured
my neck and low back very bad. I
slept all night. I sent my wife for a 25 cent
bottle of Sloan's Liniment and I have
been on my feet again."—Charles
Hyle, 1554 1/2 Front St., St. Louis, Mo.

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