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I merely look around me and I say:
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And the air rings
With its music blithe and gay.
And I am glad I'm living here to strive."

I hope to-morrow finds me still alive.
Not by some accident of chance, it seems.

So regularly here the sunlight gleams
And night descends:
Surely some purpose sends
Always to join the sea the brooks and streams.

This I am sure of: No unreasoning force
Could launch the planets on so true a course.

If man stood still and never learned
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One thing the better than his fathers knew:
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And perfect like the soul
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Then beasts were finer walking on all-fours.

The Ten Commandments

OPENS NEXT WEEK.

By reference to the ad. on another page, it will be seen that the wonderful production "The Ten Commandments," begins on Monday next at the popular Star, and we have no doubt but if ever a picture shown, not alone in this city, but in any city, drew big audiences, then "The Ten Commandments" surely will, as everyone is anxious to witness it. Further reference to the ad. will show that the Management has decided—and very wisely we think—in having but one show at night, beginning at 8 o'clock. This is due to the fact that the picture is in fourteen most sensational reels, whilst the matinees will be at the usual hour—2.30. The admission for the night performance is fifty cents (New York and Boston played at \$2.50 top) and the matinees 10 cents (for children) and 25 cents (for adults). One of the most realistic scenes in the picture is that of Moses returning from Our Lord, with the Ten Commandments, to find them dancing around, and adoring, the false God—The Golden Calf.

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Tank Claim Fails

JUDGE'S COMMENT ON CAPTAIN BENTLEY.

Judgment for the Crown was given by Mr. Justice McCardie in the \$300,000 claim by Capt. Bede J. F. Bentley, of St. David's, Church End, Finchley, N., who contended that he was the originator of the British Army's war tank in October 1914.

Capt. Bentley said it was at Lord Kitchener's request that he devised the idea of the tank; that, when he discussed the matter at Lord Kitchener's private house in Carlton gardens, a promise was made that his financial interests would be protected; and that he did not take out a provisional patent as the project was to be kept secret.

Mr. Justice McCardie said that Capt. Bentley was a most unsatisfactory witness. Many of his answers were most evasive. His evidence was unreliable. Examination of the documents strongly confirmed him (Mr. Justice McCardie) in this adverse view.

The word "tank" was not used in public till 1916; therefore it was a singular word for Capt. Bentley to use if he used it in 1914. Yet his counsel said it was used as an accidental misnomer for the word "cylinder." In his (Mr. Justice McCardie's) opinion it was a non-accidental misnomer, used by Capt. Bentley at a later date for a certain purpose.

Lord Kitchener's Doubts

The sceptical attitude of Lord Kitchener towards the tank was inconsistent with any alleged expression of belief by him that such a weapon would revolutionize warfare. Throughout the series of events and developments which ultimately led to the production of an efficient and powerful tank, Lord Kitchener displayed no active interest in the project. He did not realize that such a weapon was within the range of practical achievement. This attitude, in which he did not stand alone, was maintained till his death.

Mr. Justice McCardie said that his conclusions were:

- (1) That Capt. Bentley had no conversation with Lord Kitchener on October 19, 1914. His only conversation on that date was with Col. Fitzgerald, and his version of that interview was not correct.
- (2) He was not satisfied that Capt. Bentley's alleged draft of the letter of October 13, 1914, correctly set out the actual contents of the letter sent by him.
- (3) He was fully satisfied that the notes alleged to have been made on October 21, 1914, at an interview with Lord Kitchener were not in fact made till after the death of Lord Kitchener in June 1916.
- (4) He wholly rejected Capt. Bentley's version of his interview with Lord Kitchener. No such conversation as that alleged took place and the words attributed to Lord Kitchener were not used; Lord Kitchener made no promise and there was no conversation as to the use of poison gas.
- (5) Capt. Bentley had no interview with Lord Kitchener in or about November 1915.
- (6) It was absolutely clear that Capt.

Bentley's ideas, so far as they existed, were not utilized by or known to those who took part in the series of events which culminated in the successful production of the tank.

He (Mr. Justice McCardie) agreed with the Commission on Awards to the Inventors in attributing to Sir William Tritton and Major Wilson the main credit for designing and producing the tank. As it appeared at last on the field of battle the tank was not one invention; it was a combination of inventions, devices, and adjustments and of mechanical and engineering achievements.

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