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London, Ont., Friday, Dec. 27. MORE NAVAL PROPOSALS.

HE ADMIRALTY proposal assented to by Prefnier Borden, that Sir John Jellicoe of an empire naval policy, brings home once again the sanity and soundness of the Liberal naval policy. Learning that the premier had east aside all "contribution" theories and declared unthinkable. himself for a Canadian navy, the Conservative press gets into line and declares that it knew all along Canada must have an armada of its own to protect its thousands of miles of coast day in old London at a gathering of the line, but secures past conduct by pleading that line, but cuses past conduct by pleading that the whole matter was made a political football.

There has been no navai demonstration presented since war began that did not strengthen the claims made for the Liberal naval program those which declared for a Canadian-built, Canedian-manned, Canadian-maintained navy. But Quebec, the Liberal party would never have been recalled to be made chief of staff. overthrown.

immediate prospect of this country plunging into bring peace by victory, is plainly evident. His a program of naval construction on the mere very words to his friend, "See what has come word of its prime minister and without the slight. to me," spoke of deep and crushing despair. He est intimation of his design, will form a battle- looked for some sympathy, some word of broground over which more political strife will be therly affection, even this giant of military waged. We all realize the wonderful work of the leaders. And best of all, he got it. The simple British navy, the extent of which is being re- advice of his old fighting comrade, to go home. realed to us as the curtain of secrecy is with to say nothing, to trust that the scales would drawn. But does the end of the war and a declar. fall from the eyes of those who had misjudged atton of what may be looked forward to as ever thim, may have been the key to Allied victory. lasting peace, impose upon the people of Canada Had Foch raised his voice angrily, or appeared the necessity of constructing a navy? We do before France a disgruntled man, perhaps the rot wish to be a helpless victim of warlike na- result would have been different. Had he paraded tions of the future, but the hope of the Domin- his disappointment, instead of showing the Sparion will be dimmed if, after the peace conference tan spirit in defeat he might never have been has ended, the world has not been made safe for called to supreme leadership. But, whatever he the future. There are those who, in their extreme would have done himself, he appealed to his admiration for the pomp of military and naval friend and he found a friend in need. The plainpower, will begin to see an Asiatic menace for est, act or word may shape the destiny of the which we must prepare. Many would have us believe that the Japs are the Huns of the far east, has been written of two great men of France and that sooner or later the yellow hordes will than that which concerns the one who became make a bid for empire. The possibility of treach- premier and the one who came out from dismisery will never be overlooked, but at the same sal to the kingship of democracy time, could any eastern nation or group of nations, themselves no doubt members of the new league of nations, for a century to come, look Is that a signal for the rest of us? upon the fate of Germany without reading the lesson?

A Canadian navy may be regarded by as a necessity at this time, but the people of Can- finest ada must be heard before any extensive program is set down. The presumption of the premier in committing the country to any naval undertakings without the consent of Parliament is of a piece with his other actions in the prodigal use of order-in-council, whereby the legislative function of the House of Commons was almost completely nullified.

THE RUSSIAN CAMPAIGN.

status of the Allied nations regarding Rus- over. sia. The United States has issued an order that no more troops are to be sent to Vladivos-American Government had exceeded the number ly local production, be regulated under the latof men apportioned to it in the policing of the est order-in-council? country and the frustrating of Bolsheviki designs. The Japs have taken advantage of the American breach of agreement, which Washington says was simply a blunder, and have refused to be bound by the declaration which specified the number of troops each nation was to send.

In Britain the Allies are being called upon to make a statement of purpose, and throughout Canada various organizations and journals are calling upon the Government to withdraw all Canadian troops from Siberia. The Toronto Star length and breadth of the land since we entered the world says we should not send an army to Russia until tion; if it is wicked, except as a part of warfare, to destroy make have more information, and averages a fear we have more information, and expresses a fear any property which can be applied profitably to the uses of mankind, then the proposed destruction of the captured German warshing is a grave mistake an autocracy in Russia.

tional police, the Allies are to prevent the murder into a Government transport. Why don't we sink her and of individuals in Russia, and a realliance of the the Leviathan, formerly the German Vaterland, and all enine-Trotzky gang with the Germans, troops will be necessary. But the nations have little be just as much sense in so doing as there is pirit for the task, and the individual soldier annot be inspired to the task of saving a people from themselves. Sooner or later, the very first gression or the acquisition of property.

At the worst, there must be hundreds of thousands of form of stable government in Russia.

MORE HUN IMPUDENCE.

THAT WITH merry-making at Berlin, triumphal home-coming for Prussian Guards and the launching of a new army organzation by the Hun, sometimes we are inclined to

Now comes the editor of the powerful Berlin propriate ageblatt with a boastful proclamation in which impudently threatens the Allies with trouble they do not fall in with Germany's "deands." He brags "our front was unbroken," ad that Germany has not been humbled to the oint of powerlessness. Also he "demands" that peace terms shall be "negotiated, not dicited," and that Alsace-Lorraine's fate shall deon a vote of the people. This is high and ighty talk from a leader of a nation armies have just been booted out supied by Allied armies. Perhaps Foch may yet many

it at the signing of the armistice.

The choicest bit of impudence of the whole brazen statement is the reference to "Allies" brutal might." Nothing could be more decent or humane than the behavior of Allied soldiers in the Rhinelands. German methods would have made of Cologne, Coblenz, and other places more or less of a shambles. Possibly the Tageblatt, peeved at the humiliator, and humiliated. is merely working off its distress after the popular Prussian method of bluster. On the other hand it is worth noting that this belligerent attitude fits in with the establishment by Hindenburg of another of his "lines" fronting the most advanced positions of the Allies.

Whese things might cause the Allied world? some disquietude were it not aware that the capable Foch is on the job. Anything they can "put over" on the little generalissimo they are entitled to. If the Tageblatt and the other junker influences really believe that the peace conference is to be one of negotiation rather than dictation they are due for a rude awakening. The Allies do not consider that Germany has a case, therefore, there can be no negotiations, no compromise. no give-and-take. When the Allies have decided should visit Canada, among other over- upon the method and the measure of the punishseas dominions, with a view to the establishment ment Germany will be called in for sentence. German "demands" as to Alsace-Lorraine or any other subject which the conference shall pass will be disregarded. Any other course is

A LITTLE STORY OF FOCH.

French colony, he said:

"We have seen each other in the worst days, and in the finest. I saw Marshal Foch one day when, suddenly and without any reason, he had been hanked and placed on the unemployed list. It was and said: 'See what has come to me.

Clemenceau advised him to go home, to say for the falsity of the other party's attitude at nothing, to utter no recriminations, and that bethat time, when it linked itself with Bourassa fore many weeks had passed he would be wanted. and strengthened that conspirator's hold upon And it was only a few weeks before Foch was

How keenly the old chief must have felt the Apart from past considerations, however, the stab, who lived to master the situation and to

EDITORIAL NOTES

The fuel controller says his worries are over.

'Safe and sane' was the compliment Lon-

When the boys come home it's a pity if they cannot have ample food and blankets when travelling on Government-owned railways!

Sensations like paper bag cookery, how to burn ashes and Friedmann's alleged tuberculosis cure will soon come back to old news values.

The proposal to sink the German ships is just about as sane as would be a proposal to sink FEELING of uneasiness prevails as to the German locomotives and ears which were taken

Chatham has tackled the price of milk. But suys. Marie's cheeks got red and she tap ok, following an accusation from Japan that the ean any other commodities except those of strict-

> It is stated that some 100,000 Canadian soldiers overseas have signified their willingness, through the medium of questionnaires, to go on the land. But the Government should remember that the boys just now will feel like having their

WHY THE WASTE

German warships is a grave mistake.
President Wilson went to France on the steamship It becomes a vast problem. If, as internaGeorge Washington, a German merchantman which was selzed by the United States in American waters and turned the other German vessels which we have thus appropriated our own use by virtue of the war power? There would the German warships that were surrendered to Admira Beatty in order to afford "material support to Presiden

dollars worth of material worth saving in the German fleet. Why cannot this be turned into he relief of innocent sufferers in the war?

A GERMAN MADAME SANS GENE

[New York Herald.] From Amsterdam comes the announcement that the German Bolsheviki, who control the Duchy of Brunswick. have appointed a wash-woman as minister of education, recalling Napoleon's creation of the Duchess of Dantzie, think that President Wilson's "peace without so delightfully portrayed in Sardou's comedy of "Madame sans Gene." The fact that there is a lot of dirty linen to be washed in Brunswick makes the appointment

AFTER CROSSING THE BAR

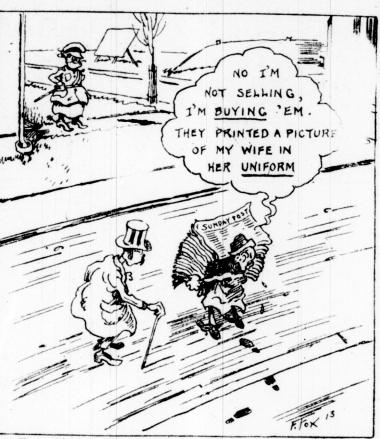
That's how we do things in the army," said Tommy pointing to a news heading which bore the words: "Five Hundred Germans Drowned in Coampagne." Got nothing to beat that in the navy, I'll bet." "Oh, haven't we?" retorted his sailor friend. "My iad, that's nothing to get excited about—nothing at all. In that last little affair along the Belgian coast we sank three German submarines in port!"

MORE THAN SUSPECTED.

[Kingston Whig.] invaded territory, whose fleets lie in British Henry Ford, "are the ones who are trying to get away with probes, and a large section of whose territory is entitled to."

have to resume that trouncing where he dropped MR. HENRY PECK - - By Fonlaine Fox

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Poor old Henry Peck had to tramp all over the village Sunday morning laying newspapers.

Marie carried her back to bed.
"You must go to sleep. Santa never admonished.
On him.

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SANTA'S RED GUIDE. By R. Ray Baker.

e door of the dwelling part of the house opened, and a young man, sed in a fur coat, came out, placing p, also of fur, on his head. He 'Merry Christmas," said the fur-clad e. grinning, as he passed on to the

emerged. 'Seems he's getting in a nurry about it. Christmas don't come There was nothing about the sailor to

ago, because a large share of Lake Michigan had an icy blanket, and Harry

santa and what she expected the old centleman from the north to bring her.
"Big doll's what I want," she told him, trying to spoil the part in his lair, and failing because there was not any there to begin with. "Pat's all—" ust big doll." er dark-eyed girl of nineteen, wiping

"Hello, Emeline," he said, and he too

had kept his thoughts to himself, for girl flared up.
'Yes," she said, with a tinge of de

'Wouldn't do much good if I did," he "You an' he's gettin' prett

"Looka here, Harry Hammond," she

his arms. He kissed the child on the forehead, then put her back on the floor and went out, remarking to him-

the older girl and listened to the how

orother Frank, who was Emel lather, and he was at Sloan City would not attempt the trip in

Frank was the lightkeepe About 5 o'clock, through the storm,
Marle heard an automobile horn and
presently came a knock on the door.
Ben Clark, blanketed with snow, stood

there when she opened it.
"I can't stay," he said, "or I won' "I can't stay," he said, "or I won't be able to drive back, because the road is drifting badly. I came because I heard some news you'll be interested in. Harry Hammond went out on the ice this morning with his dog team, and up at the village a fisherman just came in with the news that the ice had cracked and part of it went out. "Five Hammond didn't have a chance in a othing thousand, especially in this storm. He thousand, especially in this storm. He surely must have drowned." Marie started back, horror in her

> "Harry drowned!" she cried. "It doesn't seem possible. Are you sure? Can't you do something? Take me out on the ice in your car. Perhaps he's freezing. The ice must be firm for a long ways out."
>
> "What?" exclaimed Ben. "Go out there in this howling blizzard? The ice might hold us up for a long ways, but I'd with the control of the control of

to the fire, watched it turn to ashes and went back to her light.

For hours she remained at the post, watching and waiting, all but hopeless. Midnight found her asleep in a chair close by the light, exhausted by her "Then let me sell you a cyclopedia for long vigil."

long vigil.

A scream from below made her wide tawake. She stumbled down the stairs and groped her way to Emeline's room. To her surprise a lamp was burning and there was Emeline seated on the bed, bouncing a doll, fully as large as herself, on her knee.

"Santa tame?" cried the little girl. and now Marie realized that it had been a scream of joy that awakened ther.

When Pat asked Biddy for a kiss. 'Santa tame!" repeated the tot. "I

found this right on my bed."

Unable to understand, Marie went out into the living-room and lighted a lamp. On the lounge lay a man, his clothes crusted with ice.

She went to him and put her arms for a cound him. around him.
"Harry," she sobbed. "They told me you were dead, that the ice cracked and let you through." The big sailor opened his eyes and

The big sallor opened his eyes and yawned.

"I'm dead, all right—dead sleepy." he grinned. "The ice opened up, all right, but I was on the other side of the crack, an' by drivin' the dogs like the dickens I got over the danger place before she cracked on the other side. I got to Sloan City without trouble, an' a pail hangs over the Club. The crack of the cracked the shore. At the crack of the cracked on the other side. I got to Sloan City without trouble, an' a pail hangs over the Club. The crack of the cracked on the other side. got to Sloan City without trouble, and comin' back I skirted the shore. At that, I'd got lost only for the ol' light."

She took one of his hands, found cold, and rubbed it vigorously.
"But why—why did you go?" she to the shore of the shor

did no succeed.
"Well, Emeline was lookin' for Santa,
and I couldn't let her be disappointed,"
he answered.

didn't get lost and wander int

that night the villagers were startled to see a red bar of light A lie can travel fast, that's so, shoot from Clayton Point. It was the irrst time in history that the light, which had guided many a ship through summer gales, had shone forth into a But in the long run Truth will win

Up in the light tower grood Marie looking through the great glass wall, striving to pierce the darkness and storm with eyes that were red from wacaning. weeping.
"There's not much hope," she mused, Gabb. "And what do you tell her to

but there's just a chance he's still do that she obeys you so nicely?"
live, and the old light might help "I tell her to do as she please She thought Emeline was sleeping, plied Mr. Younghubby.

The little girl, clad in her nightlothes, presently appeared at the head

No Joke.

narrow, winding stairs and "You'll find a man is vain." Lookin' for Santa? When'll he "I know he is," said Ned; "For if you pat him on the bac

on her way back to the tower she noticed that the blaze in the fireplace was dying, so she placed a fresh stick of word on the flame. As she did so her eyes caught a picture on the table. Smiling somewhat grimly she added it to a ranch and tried to get the old man

She gave him this answer so neat: "Sure, Pat, 'tis something I'd hardly But I'm conserving on all things

Names Is Names. Will Hatch is selling incubators fr Pembroke, Maine.

sweet.

nd rubbed it vigorously.

why—why did you go?" she zard of Brighton, O., has advertised his He tried to stifle another yawn, but farm for sale and is going to move

> ness in Urbana, Ohio. One is Dr. Bible and the other is Dr. Butcher. We ex- guised,

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numor she wouldn't wear a \$250 coat and a \$40 aigrette on her hat

she is indignating about the High of Living.

they may make it an even dozer

more sense than some other dead you know of.

It is a lucky man who draws a wife who looks better in a bungalow aprov than she does in a Tango gown.

You may have noticed that the me who uses his fingers as a backst when he is loading food onto a kni

ever needs any tonic for his appet

Maybe there wouldn't be so maily orces if the average girl could m

pancakes as well as she can mak

Maybe you have noticed it yourself But, on the level, isn't it hard to get chummy with a man who wears long whiskers?

by exploring her husband's poo

consola- guised, they are so doggone consola- guised that they look like trop

Luke McLuke Says.

And maybe there wouldn't be so many divorces if a girl could learn to cook the way she can learn to dance.

Maybe if a women had a sense of

Maybe they make explosives out of peanuts. Anyway, during the war peanuts became so scarce that you got releast eleven of them in a sack for nickel, and now that the war is over they may make they

WHAT GERMANY MUST PAY

Germany has had her war-dance and must now pay the piper. In 1871 Germany made France pay the full price of defeat. If she had won the present war, to use the words of a German businessman, "she would have dictated peace at Buckingham Palace and annexed the entire continent from the Ural Mountains to the Bay of Biscay." There is no indication that the Allies will dictate any such robber's peace, but they are determined, to judge from the pledges of Allied rulers, the emphatic declarations of the Allied press, and the stern comment of the man on the street in London, and Paris, and Antwerp, and Chicago, to make Germany pay for the wreck and the ruin she brought upon the world.

If you would know quite definitely the demands that will be made upon Germany by the Allied countries that have suffered from the war, you should read the leading article in THE LITERARY DIGEST this week-December 28. It is a careful compilation from the most authoritative sources, and undoubtedly represents the force of public opinion in the Allied countries.

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