

ANY FUSS AND FEATHERS, BUT NOT SO THE FRENCH The French Man-o'-War's Man likes to do Everything With

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BRITISH SAILOR DISLIKES

a Hurrah and a Great Flourish-A Big Contrast to the Briton

Boulogne, Sept. 18.—The French sometimes happens that in the vio-Bluejacket is a fine fellow, but in ev- lence of protestation and gesticulation ery way presents a big contrast along the particular kindness is omitted, side his present war mates of the really forgotten.

You turn from this to the stern re-British Navy. To begin with, he must dramatize straint of our men. No emotion of all his emotions. I saw a ship from any kind must be shown-no surprise, foreign ports coming to Boulogne. everything must continually fall in One man, evidently expected, for there with the steady "carry on." was a large crowd, stepped ashore. Here is a delightful story. A party

There was a tremendous eagerness in of British bluejackets were being enhis face. Courage, patriotism, duty; tertained by their future allies ashore. all these shone out, transfiguring a A middy came off with the leave boat somewhat slovenly figure. Several at ten o'clock. He noticed some of ance. women embraced him as he stepped the men were half seas over and all ashore. This he accepted as a tri- were jolly.

He Followed the Bottle

One of our bluejackets, he saw, had

bute due to him. When he had taken enough he waved the rest aside and pointed in the direction of the Marine a bottle concealed beneath his jump-Department Office. er. He directed a petty officer to take Like a Scene in a Play

it from him and throw it overboard. "I go!" he called out. He made a This was done-and the owner of it brief speech, fiery, religious, earnest. promptly jumped in after it. The Then he kissed his mother, said good- next moment half the boat's company by to everyone, and crossed the quay had dived overboard; the other half to the Marine Department of war. were restrained by the officers. For- hymn "God moves in a mysterious His shipmates looked on admiringly. tunately every man was saved. Next way" were sung. These hymns were The customs authorities did not morning there was a parade on the specially selected by His Majesty. The search him for contraband. He was guarterdeck. The captain complithe brave patriot going to serve his mented the men on their exploit of *** country afloat. the night before, thanked God they Presently he emerged from the were safe, and expressed pleasure *** building. Another series of kisses, that he had such a body of men unand the proud mother, quietly weep- der him. ing, led him away, accompanied by a The men received his praise stolidly. Then one spoke out: crowd. You cannot imagine a British blue- "Sorry we was unsuccessful, sir," jacket going through this. But the he said, saluting. French expect it. Boulogne would "But-but!" said the captain; "I have been deprived of its just dues understood Seaman Robert Hodge he behaved otherwise. The was saved." French seaman must be in the pic-"Yes, sir; but we dived after the ure; the British sailor wants to be whiskey, sir. We knew Bob could ut of it look after. himself." Within the hour I saw one of the ritish seamen. He was accompanied PREPARE FOR THE WORST. v seven Frenchmen. There was great excitement in the street, his Are you prepared for a fire? Mos ccompanying friends loudly explainfolk are not! One of my liberal polig to everyone what was happening they were accompanying the brave British sailor to get him a shave! miled and my eyes caught those of iv countryman. insurance agency. "Jack" Felt Bad About It "I can't help this mobilization," he DO IT NOW! aid. We shook hands. "Don't stop ne now, sir, thank you all the same; out if you come in we shall have the whole of Boulogne with us." The and Advocate. poor fellow looked the picture of emarrassed misery. "All right, Frenchy, don't get excited," he kept saying. The uniform of our bluejacket just suits him, his work and his character. It is severe, yet free and flowing. The French rig-out is similar with just the touch of the stage. There again unconsciously the dress is the medium of expression and of character. A French destroyer was coaling nere. The officer complained that it was not going quick enough. Immediately fifteen to twenty of the coaling party were loudly explaining why the work could not be done quicker. lowing conditions:--quicker. Family Party. The French bluejacket loves his officer, quarrels with him, criticizes him; a ship is a family with a family's privileges. One of our men will calmly suck his pipe where a French sailor would be whirlwind of gesticula-December 31st, 1915; tion. Each has the same chivalrous daring, frank, honest, kind, only it

AT WESTMINSTER Attended a Special Intercession Service in the Old Abby-Princess Mary Also Present

KING AND QUEEN

NEWFOUNDLAND, 1914-2

The King and Queen, with Princess Mary, attended an intercessory service for the war which was held at Westminster Abbey recently. The visit of their Majesties was an informal one, and they were received at the Dean's-yard entrance, which was also used by the ordinary public, by Archdeacon Wilberforce and the clergy and officials of the Abbey. They arrived about five minutes before the commencement of the service, and were escorted to their seats, His Majesty occupying the Dean's stall and the Queen the Archdeacon's place, while Princess Mary sat in a Canon's

Large Congregation

stall. A small suite was in attend-

There was a very large congregation, the service being conducted by Archdeacon Wilberforce, Canon Pearce, Canon Charles, and Minor Canon Perkins. A full choir was in attendance. With plain Evensong was combined the service of intercession authorized by the Archbishop, and the hymn for absent friends, "Holy Father in Thy Mercy," and the

ational Anthem was also sung.



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Witnessed by a Crowd The departure of the King and Queen was witnessed by a considerable crowd of people, but, quite apr propriately to the occasion, there was an entire absence of cheering. All

nats were raised as their Majesties rove back to the Palace. During the service a company of Ferritorials were being drilled on the enclosure in Dean's-yard, and the ing halted momentarily on leaving e Abbey to witness some of their



