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A MYSTIFYING DISASTER

THERE will be intense grief and ish battleship Bulwark; grief over the ope," then it has been a case of "corless of hundreds of Britain's splendid ruptio optimi." "Lilies that fester sailors, anxiety over the cause of the smell far worse than weeds." disaster. Was this naval loss, occurring only 32 miles down the Thames from London, near the estuary Thames from London, near the estuary Crime," the Saturday Evening attributable to German daring, or was Post says: if from accidental causes? If the Germans have been able to attack by submarine at such a point, there is cause for genuine dread of what disaster may befall the fleet before the final reckoning comes in the North Sea. A successful attack by submarine close to the dockyards of Sheerness seems impossible. On the other hand battleships blow up rarely of their own accord, and especially British battleships. There is just a possibility that a blow may have been struck by the Germans within Britain. A mine or a secret agent may have accomplished the destruction of the ship, even though the latter, after secreting himself aboard the vessel, paid his

life for his boldness. At any rate, the admiralty has shown no desire to repeat the stupidity that marked the sinking of the Audacious. The news was given out promptly on this occasion, perhaps because it could not have been kept secret, more probably because the folly of concealing the loss of the dreadnought has been forced upon the censors. Up to date no official confirmation or denial of the loss of the Audacious has been given, with the result that wild stories are in circulation, such as one to the effect that a number of Canadian troops were lost while cross- forts for the soldiers, the best a lot of ing the channel, continue to be cir- men can do is to knit their brows and culated, and are a source of cutting call things even. grief to mothers and wives. The muzzling of the press is being carried to the worst extreme.

MORE AFFINITIES. OME peculiar combinations of

Toffre has been pointed out. It shows that the first three letters and the last three letters of the names of each coming down the chimneys of the Belthe other. Here is the diagram:

FRE NCH

in the following:

KULITUR

TUR KEY than the threat of a common oppressor hear the inside story of the war. Just might be shown by the following ar- now, General Contradiction is in surangement:

> J-A-pan Be-L-gium Eng-L -and Serv-1 -a. Franc-E

SOUND AND ATTRACTIVE.

According to The London Advertiser, Liberal policies have been niformly sound and attractive."
you do not believe this, look at the strength of the party in the Ontario Legislature and at the Ontario delegation of thirteen mempers in the House of Commons. Consider also the drawing power of eciprocity and the action of the Opposition on the dreadnought pro-

THE Toronto News makes the that the very failure of Liberal policies in a capitalist - ruled country is proof of the soundness and genuine attractiveness of Liberal policies. The public, like the individual, quite often takes a flier in goldless gold mines and oilless oil wells, and council seems to have decided that the the deception holds good until the board is a nonentity. It is difficult for time to pay dividends has arrived. prosperous years, and would have municipality than an alderman. added to that prosperity. Unfortunately, as we have intimated, a section of voters often forsakes the good to allow its inmates perfect freedom, cial siege guns levelled at them. As ranging for quarters in the asylum. to the question of dreadnoughts, we can only say "Remember the Em-

1815 AND 1915.

having already sent Napoleon to Elba, School will be watched with interest. assembled at Vienna to rearrange the map of the continent. They worked finished it though in a sort of panic at united politically."

Napoleon's return to France. Next year the centenary of Water- the amalgamation of the cultured wolf loo is due. The Germans had a and the lamb. Having already bitten chance last September to repeat Sedan off Alsace-Lorraine and found it to his on its anniversary day, but they had taste, the wolf howls and gnashes at not sufficient "punch." When the the dog who guards the fold. great British force takes the field in the spring, there is certain to be a Just at the time when the German

Duke's world-shaking victory.

again assemble, why not at Vienna? There they will proceed to reconstruct the Balkans, the Austrian states, Po-EVENING. land, Schleswig and the Franco-German frontier. The diplomats of 1815 worked Outside City. frontier. The diplomats of 1815 worked on absolutist and anti-national principles. Those of 1915 will start from an opposite viewpoint, the recognition of the sacred rights of nationality and a determination to establish a world peace not upon the discredited basis of the balance of power, but by a concert of nations great and small.

After the awful example of Germany and her militarists, no state, however powerful, will be in a hurry to reject the plan urged by Sir Edward Grey, that differences between two governments should be submitted to the ar bitration of a number of other governments. The peace congress of 1915 will be perhaps even sadder and certainly wiser than the congress of one hundred years ago.

ROTTED LILIES.

HE Germans boast of their culture and with some reason. But there has been a perversion or corruption of say with some truth that Germany was, anxiety over the loss of the Brit- or had been, "the conscience of Eur-

NEUTRALITY?

In Belgium hundreds of thousands of industrious people are near star-vation because the Kaiser con-sidered it good military strategy vation because to invade the country.

Under the heading "A Great Force Perverted." the same weekly says:

Now this fine (German) organization which accomplished really wonderful things in constructive work during 40 years has all gone wrong—laying hold of every re-source of the country and devot-ing it to purposes of destruction. Every example of German efficien-cy in the field is an indictment of war-an example of a great

force perverted. The average American is about as eutral as the average Canadian. His opinion has no feeling of natural pat-

EDITORIAL NOTES.

What will Kris Krinkle think of his children this Christmas?

Motto for Christmas, 1914: Hell on

The Kaiser's Dreadnoughts are still living up to their reputations as Dread everythings.

appears to be able to eat it. While their wives are knitting com-

then, he went after the order.

various characters and facts of the war. chosen it for his headquarters while days, the improbable is more likely The happy combination of French and he is changing the map of Europe. There will be no kindly Santa Claus

make Joffre in one case and French in gian kiddles this Christmas, for there are no chimneys left to come down.

The Russian peasant once fell a vic-Then the Kaiser's Kultur and Turkey | tim to the Nomad Tartar horseman. He are alphabetical affinities as is proved is not going to be roughridden by the Teuton, but deals him a giant's blow.

Some day, from the lips of the men That the Allies are bound by more who have fought it, the world will

preme command. Yesterday was Thanksgiving Day in the United States. Uncle Sam is If my thoughts were wicked, I'd cure

somewhat slower than Canada in giving even thanks, but, then, he has always been recognized as a shrewd bargainer.

United States marines occupied Vera Cruz to bring President Huerta to time. Now they seem to have evacuated the town to help bring Gen. Villa to the presidency, or, perhaps, it was merely to let the bluejackets get home to eat Turkey.

The German official statements ap pear to be growing less numerous and above rejoinder to an article less noisy. Also an official statement columns. We submit says they have introduced an ineffective silent gun in the war. All signs seem to point to the ultimate suppression of Prussianism.

Montreal is talking of abandoning the board of control. The Toronto city some cities to get over the notion that Liberal policies gave Canada her most there is anything greater in the

An insane asylum in Prussia is said thing for the thing less good, and a and permits them to choose their own well-filled money barrel makes quite occupations, thereby effecting many a difference, too. Reciprocity and cures. Possibly, in this case, the in-Abolish-the-Bar had two special finan- mates are saner than appears in ar-

After sizing up old Knox College and several commercial buildings in Toronto, the Ontario Compensation Board has chosen quarters vacated by the HUNDRED years ago this No- Department of Education in the Nor-A vember the statesmen of Europe, mal School. The effect on the Normal

Hauptmann: "It is the world's loss for six months over their problem and that France and Germany could not be It was unkind of Britain to prevent

proper sort of celebration of the Iron papers are giving credit to the sporting instincts of the English for their After the Kaiser has been taken in valor on the battlefield, the English charge, the statesmen of Europe will papers have set up a cry for the aboli-

DAILY WAR PUZZLE



Mired. Find a horse and a soldier. ANSWER TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE .- Upside down under gun. Left

BRITISH BAYONETS

(Air: Marching Through Georgia).

Square-faced Tommy Atkinstein's a husky fightin' man, He has eaten up the bullets since his kaiser's war began, He hasn't often funked it, and he didn't often ran; But he hasn't a big appetite for bayonets.

> Chorus.-Hurrah! Hurrah! We're headed for the Rhine Hurrah! Hurrah! We'll hit the Prussian line. Forward! Let the Prussians see the British bayonets shine, For they hate like hell to face the British bayonets.

King Albert was a-sittin' at home quite peaceful like, When three hundred thousand Prussians come goose-steppin' down his

Says they: "We're only doin' of a little friendly hike. Do you happen to have seen the British bayonets?"

King Albert of the Belgians was feelin' rather sore. He reaches for the cudgel behind his kitchen door; He lays it on them Prussians, and he lays it on some more. Says he: "The British bayonets is comin'."

"Allons, mes braves!" the Frenchmen say. The Irish say "Whurroo!" The Scotch say: "Let 'em hae the unco cau'd, bare steel the noo!"
The English say: "Don't wait for us, for we're a-comin', too,
With a line of fine, old-fashioned British bayonets!"

Major-Gen. Hughes says he does not read newspaper criticism. He certainly would think that of all things the you know." young Britisher should be proficient rings!" she sighed. "The diamonds would be foremost

The story of a poisoning plot in this rebuked. An Indiana man is reported to have received a British order for fifteen correction an attempt on the life of Majormillion dollars' worth of goods. But, then, he went after the order.

Gen. Hughes by Turks. Yet a local newspaper sneered at the latter as finger of her left hand, and, with conimpossible, and printed the other with siderable curiosity, he slipped a ring The Advertiser names have been devised from molding the world. Gen, Joffre has printed both with due reserve. In these than the probable. This is the day of wild stories." The greatest sensation s holding the world's stage.

> HELPING YOURSELF. [Baltimore Sun.]

If my face were ugly, I'd deck it with The beauty of such sunshine hides the homely afterwhile. If my lips were crooked, I'd straighten

them with song-A melody of morning helps the whole world straight along. If my heart were sour, I'd sweeten it

with cheer-It helps your own soul upward and sheds hope on far and near. If my hands were brutal, I'd soften them

with deeds Of tenderness and kindness that the old world sorely needs. them of that blight With love of God's pure blossoms on the windy hills of light.

THE WAY OF A MAID. [Detroit Free Press.]

Of course, when she stopped in front of the jeweler's window, he had to stop, too. It would hardly have been polite to walk on and leave her there. "Oh, see the tray full of lovely dia-"Yes." he admitted.

'They're engagement rings!"

"They're the gorgeousest engagement

in at this time, the game of football look diamond colored now, but when you put them on your finger they're "Peruke, I hardly believe that," he

"Sigourd!" she exclaimed happily. "Peruke!" he cried

MISCHIEF.

[Pittsburg Dispatch.] Everybody's out today, Dear! It's lonesome jus' to play All alone the livelong day! Guess I'll take a look an' see What dessert we have for tea In the pantry, Look! Oh Gee! Apple, mince an' cherry pies! Choc'late cake too! Oh my eves Cook's upstairs-she always spies.

How rough the trail that I must keep, How weary all the toil may be It won't hurt if I just take One bite o' that choc'late cake. Um-m-m! It's good! Now for the If you. O Little Dreamer, there

Some one's comin'! I mus' fly! I'll take one pie, though, from that The Lord helps him, who helps him-

SIR WILFRID LAURIER. [La Presse.]

Today is the seventy-third anniversary of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The Of sorrow's ceaseless threnody old Liberal Chieftain, in spite of his ecutinuous hard work bears his age most werderfully. Quite recently addressed to the people of Montreal a most eloquent and convincing appeal to go to the assistance of the allied armies c the battle fields of Europe. In a magnificent speech he showed how just was the cause for which England and France and Belgium were fighting, and in a sublime peroration he ex-"Shouldn't be surprised," he replied. pressed the regret that he was no

-and the Worst Is Yet to Come



IMONEY-SAVING SALE at CHAPMAN'S

REMARKABLE SPECIAL SELLING OF WANTED WINTER MERCHANDISE TODAY AND SATURDAY. CHRIST-MAS BUYING IS GIVEN A GOOD START BY THESE MONEY-SAVING PRICES.

Children's Vests and Drawers, heavy rib-

bed wool, buttoned vests and ankle length

drawers. Warm and snug, grey colors.

3 to 5 years. Each 35c

8 to 10 years. Each..... 45c

Children's Grey-Fleeced Vests, long

Good Quality Coutil Corsets, medium

length hip and low bust, fitted with four

hose supporters. Strong wearing corsets,

Well made and perfect fitting. All sizes.

Women's Over-Size Underwear

Special today and Saturday, Women's Heavy Ribbed Vests and Drawers, fleeced finish, grey shade. These garments are made in over sizes for 47C large women. Seasonable, warm and durable.

Women's All-Wool Vests, soft and fine unshrinkable white wool, long sleeves and

Women's Black Drawers, heavy wool, ribbed, fast black, finished bands, ankle length, Special, per pair 79c

Gowns Women's Nightgowns, made of good quality flannelette, pink only; long sleeves and high neck. Special, at 65c

Flannelette Night

Over-Size Nightgowns, for large women, made of plain flannelette, well made, roomy size. Price \$1.00

BEDSPREADS No more at this price when these are sold. Hemmed White Crochet Bedspreads, nice

today and Saturday at 98¢ each. A sensible Christmas gift, wouldn't it

soft finish. 50 only, in size 70 x 81 inches. Were \$1.35. And 50 only in size 72 x 83

inches. Were \$1.39. Choice of both sizes

Men's Flannelette Night Shirts flannelette. Sizes large enough for any man. \$1.00

White Flannelette, soft

English make, for night-

gowns and underwear,

12 yards for \$1.00.

onger young enough to join the colors

Sir Wilfrid has always been the apos-

wish him many more long years o

The whole of the Canadian people

happiness, that he may continue to

AT THE MORNING GATE.

tle of peace, in Canadian politics,

the Canadian nation.

Heavy Flannelette Night- Another bargain in Men's shirts, of extra width and Flannelette Nightshirts, length, made just as you made of unusually heavy would make them at home flannelette, in roomy, large and of extra good quality sizes; length 58 inches; pocket and roll collar. The best you ever saw at \$1.25. value. Special at 79c Special at 98c

KID GLOVES IN CHRIST-MAS BOXES

Pewny Ascot Kid Gloves, wrist length, twoclasp, perfect fitting and guaranteed. In black, white, grey, mode, tan and brown. All sizes. Put in a neat Christmas box. Per pair \$1.25 Silk-Lined Cashmere Gloves, in brown, grey

and black. Sizes 6 to 71/2. At, per pair 50c Kayser Double Silk Gloves, for winter wear, fully guaran- 3 only Bodice Tunics, at, teed, double silk throughout. At per pair \$1.50

Wear

243 DUNDAS STREET.

Silk Dresses

The special feature in the Ready-to-Wear Section today and Saturday is Women's Silk Dresses, made of beautiful quality satin-finished messaline silk, with tunic skirt. Waist is elegantly finished with brocaded silk vest and lace chemisette, 12 to 16 years. Each...... 50c girdle with bows extending down the back. Colors are navy. copen, brown and black. Sizes sleeves. Ages 3 to 10 years. Each 13c 36 to 44 in black. Sizes 36 to Saturday Corset Special 40 in colors. Special at \$10.00

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Extremely good style Tweed Coats for women and misses; Special price Saturday 93c belt in back and velvet collars. Flannelette House Dresses, for women. Mostly all sizes. A very special Were \$1.50, for \$1.25 bargain at \$5.95

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Special terms to Sunday schools. It will pay committees to come as soon as they possibly can to make selections of Books for libraries and prizes, before series become broken

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almost half and less than half the regular selling prices. Black, white, pale blue, black with oriental beading and other dress tunics and coat effects. Regularly priced at \$25.00 to \$35.00. On sale at, each \$15.00

dren, makes choosing an easy matter.

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Exquisite Beaded Tunics at

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Fine Quality Black Albatross, pure wool, soft and fine texture for dresses and waists, 42 inches wide. At, per yard 50c

Wide Silk .- Black Duchess Silk, with white hair line stripe. Very handsome for waists and dresses, 36 inches wide. A special bargain at, per yard \$1.19

Yard-Wide Flannelette, extra quality, for making warm garments. At,

FISHING FOR MINES AT SEA

work to the prosperity and glory of [Grantland Rice, in New York Mail.]

How hard the road may be for me, Means nothing, dear, though shadows

With "blood of roses" in each vein, With yellow sunshine in your hair, And eyes like violets in the rain, Shall only know the lane of light

white. How far the song shall drift from me, Who only hear the weary cry Beneath a dim and starless sky, Shall matter not, if I but know, O Little Dreamer, that your feet Shall follow where the south winds blow

Where God has kissed each shadov

Love's blossoms that shall make life sweet; Sweet through the years that wait for With every little dream come true.

TIMES CHANGING. [Philadelphia Ledger.] R. Drexel, discussing his etention in Germany, said: 'The Kaiser has forbidden the German troops to drink, the Czar has foridden drink to the Russian troops and France has stopped the sale of ab-"The war, instead of relaxing tem

perance morality, has stiffened it. In this stiffening effect the war isn't like Blanc's case. "A ragman knocked at Blane's door "'No. Go on away,' said Blanc. 'My wife's gone south for the winter.' ragman beamed.

'I give 3 cents aplece for empty bottles, sir,' he whispered. THE STAR BOARDER. [Grand Rapids Press.] He gets the nicest plate of meat When we have chicken; The girls with smiles his sallies greet, Which makes us sicken. They listen spellbound to his taik, His silly chatter While wiser fellows have to sulk

When ill he gets his on a tray, You may conjecture; That few of us are served that way We get a lecture. We do not care much for this gink, This here star boarder; ne makes us other fellows think Dire thoughts of murder.

And eye the platter.

A BIT OF HISTORY. [Baltimore Star.1. The Prince Meternich, prime minister to the Emperor of Austria, was once asked under what circumstances Napoleon, whom he had often across the tides without result. had Napoleon, whom he had often across the tides without result. Life met, given him the most striking im aboard is more deadly dull than before; pression of prestige and sovereignty. there is not even the excitement or It was, when they returned from a two or three times a day. drive in the forest. They returned to

HOW THE SCRAP STARTED. Jones stepped on Smith's favorite

MOST DANGEROUS JOB IN THE WORLD

goes out to trawl, risking the worst the

ing divested himself of his boots and

oilskins for the blue and brass of naval

life that others may not risk theirs.

across from one boat to the other.

down between them.

a huge triangular weight, which keeps

the cable well down the water; the

trawlers then sail apart, and go across

The mines might lie 16 to 18 feet

below the surface. That is about the

depth of the vital parts of a battle-

ship's engine-rooms, magazines and coal bunkers. A mine exploding

there has a tremendous chance of

doing deadly damage; if it occurred

at a shallower depth the chances are

that although damaged the ship

Perhaps for days the trawlers sweep

The skipper stumps around, filled

would still remain seaworthy.

pairs.

service, but he continues to risk his

Hunting for German mines is a very

the middle of the cable there is a "kite," ging a cable between them.

sea can do to make his living. Now hav-

who leaves his shore cottage in a tiny once the vibration of water from that mine.

LONDON, England, Nov. 27.-Eng- warp which stretches down like a silver carry such terrible consequences. The land has discovered the most dangerous band into the blue depths, to rise, a sag-cut-water of the torpedo boat makes a job in the world and she has found the right man for the place.

band into the blue depths, to rise, a sag-cut-water of the torpedo boat makes a ging, dripping thread to the other little gleaming arc in the sun as she swings boat running alongside many yards dis-round for action. The trawlers fall The most dangerous job is fishing for tant. The skipper's hand is a sensitive away, and on the war vessel there is a mines at sea, and the person who fills organ, hard and toilworn, but with the flutter of white duck where the blueit is the daring North Sca trawler-man training of years he can distinguish at jackets are training a light gun on the



How the mines are destroyed-Sketch business-like occupation. Once away shows, above, torpedo boat exploding in the quarter where the mines are sup- mine with light gun, after hidden charge posed to be laid the trawlers part off in has been brought to surface by trawlers A strong cable is stretched in the distance. Sketch below shows In how trawlers discover mines, by drag-

The mines are anchored from the botthe tides, the weighted hawser sagging tom, and the passing cable cuts the mooring rope, which goes curling around the sweeping warp. The old man no-"Easy all!" he bawls across to his

partner. They have struck a channel sown with death, and where there is one there are sure to be others. The trawlers slow down and steam apart. The connecting cable tautens, and slowly above the heaving water appears a small, shining

the chance of something to do.

ing at intervals to run along the trawl away, such a tiny, glistening atom to esophy of the mire-sweepers.

skywards, the mine is exploded, dropping back into the seething cauldron the sea in scattered fragments, its deadpurpose frustrated. Sometimes, of course, the mine explodes when the hawser breaks its mooring. It heels over with the shock of contact, and before anyone

the heavy boom of the explosion, while the trawler rocks and shivers in every bolt with the concussion. But the effect upon the boat is no nore than if she struck a soft sand the skipper or his mate calmly ticks off

aboard the trawler is aware, there is

the fact with the position. At night the boats anchor or return to harbor. tices it at once. There is a sharp blast should be done in daylight to be effected properly; the explosion of the must be thorough, otherwise, as a floating mine, it becomes even more dangerous, the tides carrying it right out of the course of its fixed position. Practically all the ports along the eastern and southern seaboard of England are now equipped with fleets of mine sweepers, which start their trawling every

day in the morning glim. The blast of his siren has warned the Risk! Those bluff, square-built, bluewatchful torpedo boat in the offing. She eyed sons of the sea will laugh at you. t was, he said, one morning at Com- hauling the gear and cleaning the catch comes up full speed, her crew glad of Their life is all risk. After all, it is only another kind of fishing. They fish The deadly mine is thrown off to float for mines, instead of fish. And every with the pride of office, his hand return- on the bosom of the waters, and drifts trade has its risks. That is the phil-

Jones steps of course, there was trouble. the castle about noon. The Emperor present, Napoleon began to feel the tient, and, turning to the other side. corn, and, of course, there was trouble.

What Smith needed is Putnam's Corn leaning his back against the chimman's remedy for Extractor—that painless remedy for ney, chatted with his guests while awaiting the summons to lunch.

Corns and warts that cures in 24 hours.

There were a number of present Napoleon began to feel the tient, and, turning to the other side, he said: "King of Holland, try to Murat: "King of Naples, go and see why we do not lunch." The emperor reday!" Meternich had never before corr,s and standard of the control o and members of the imperial family was still prolonged. He grew impa- pantry to hasten a meal.