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**Field-Marshal French  
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**T**HE appointment of Field Marshal Sir John French to be Inspector-General of the Forces, is apparently a sort of composite post created to meet the extraordinary demands of the hour in England. Unusually the Inspector-General of the Forces is not considered so high an office as that which Sir John French held as Chief of the Imperial General Staff (first military member), which gives him second place in the Army Council, the new body which exercises control over all the military matters of the Empire.

It has, however, the executive work in hand as compared with the more deliberate side of the Army Council, and it is in this that the secret of the appointment is to be sought. For Sir John French is the most dashing of all the British Generals.

**Did Effective Work**

His work in the South African war at the head of the cavalry division that made possible the advance of Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener up the two republics, first to Bloemfontein and then to Pretoria, had in it all the brilliance of a Prince Rupert.

It is a curious fact that though he is the beau ideal of a cavalry officer he started in the fighting line in the navy. He soon transferred to the Hussars in 1874, and ten years after saw his first active service in the Sudan campaign in the 19th Hussars. He participated in the battle of Abu Klea, Gubat and Metemeh.

In 1899 he was appointed to command a cavalry division in Natal, commanded the troops at the battle of Elandslaagte, and the cavalry at Roifontein and Lombard's Kop. He commanded a cavalry division in South Africa from 1900 until 1902, was mentioned in despatches and promoted to the rank of Major-General.

**Much Active Service**

He led the cavalry force in the operations which culminated in the relief of Kimberley, and was with Lord Roberts' forces throughout the operations ending in the capture of Bloemfontein and Pretoria.

It fell to the lot of General French to reorganize to a large extent the soldiery that was placed at his disposal from foot up to mounted infantry. By no other means could the Boers be rounded up and attacked and it is a tribute to the splendid resources of General French that he was able so quickly to form out of the material an almost ideal mounted infantry division.

This spirit of making the most out of his human stuff has, no doubt, been a large factor in the selection of General French for the present post as his undaunted dash and personal courage, which has the added value of being catching for those under him.

**Important Offices**

After the war General French commanded the First Army Corps from 1901 to 1907, and was then appointed Inspector-General of the Forces, a position he relinquished in 1911 on his appointment as Field Marshal and to which he is again appointed on the eve of a possible expedition to the Continent. That is evidently the significance of the new command. With Lord Kitchener in the post of Secretary for War, these two heroes of African campaigns should make a great team.

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Should the war continue any length of time, the impression prevails that unskilled labor will be at a premium for some time to come.

Already the heads of corporations employing large forces of laborers and contractors and city officials engaged on public works are worried over the effects of the European war on the labor market.

It is generally conceded that immigration for a year or more will be seriously affected, which will work hardships on the class of laboring men in Europe who are needed here in subway and other construction work.

These men are bound to suffer, it is said, because the war will close down industries.

**JILTED LOVER  
SHOOTS A GIRL**

A sad tragedy, the result of unrequited love and an interrupted courtship, occurred in Govan. The victim was a young woman twenty-four years of age, named Jeannie Galbraith, who resided with her parents at Dumbarton road, Whiteinch, and her assailant was Gus Olsson, who resided at Riversdale Cottages, Scotstoun. The tragedy took place on a path which leads from Govan wharf to Renfrew road. Olsson, it is said, fired two shots at the girl, who died immediately after, and then gave himself up to the police.

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Wishing you every success and eagerly awaiting your next issue.

"MANNY WALKER,"  
Fortune, Aug. 10, '14.

**STOWAWAY FOUND  
DEAD AMONGST  
THE BUNKER COAL**

Trimmers working on the steamer "Mottisfont" arrived from Australia, in the Queen Alexandra Dock, at Cardiff, discovered the body of a man which must have lain buried in the bunker coals for over six months, for this coal had not been touched since the ship bunkered at Sunderland on the eve of her outward voyage. The man could not have been a trimmer, or he would have been missed at once; nor could he have been a member of the crew, for his absence from the muster-roll was called would have been noticed. The man may have fallen, or strayed there, and been asleep when coals were teemed over him. He may have been a stowaway who chose a dangerous hiding-place. No clue to his identity or to how he came in the bunkers has been found.

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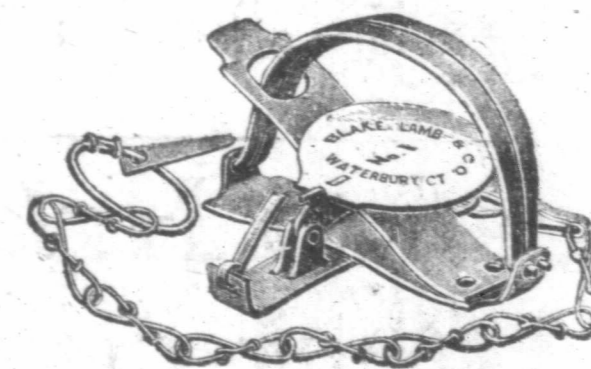
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