



The Scot was all Right

Mr. Jock McKay, the popular Scottish comedian who figured successfully as a plaintiff in the courts, the other day, has a rare number of anecdotes about his own countrymen.

A particularly good one concerns a Scot who was in a hospital. There were eleven other patients in his ward, and the poor chap was not expected to recover. When told that there was no hope for him, he expressed a desire to hear the bagpipes once more before he died, and the kind house surgeon sent out and he found a piper whom he asked to walk up and down the ward playing a few Scotch airs on his national instrument.

The next day the house surgeon asked the head nurse how the Scotsman was.

"Oh, he's all right," she replied; "but all the other eleven patients are dead!"

Turkey Looking For Peace?

Milan, July 15.—The Bucharest correspondent of the *Corriere della Sera*, stated that Nedjemken Effendi, Turkish minister of justice, accompanied by Faasum Effendi passed through Sofia yesterday. They are said to be bound for Switzerland, where they will meet the representatives of the entente powers and discuss a separate peace for Turkey.

Salt Scarce in Newfoundland

St. John's Nfld., July 15.—A scarcity of salt threatens to offset to a large extent the benefits to be derived by Newfoundland fishermen from the unusually large catch of cod along the northern and eastern coasts and on the Grand Banks this summer. Because of the small catch during the past two or three years the importers this season reduced their orders for salt, which comes from Trapani, Sicily and Cadiz Spain, in addition the war has caused delays to steamers bringing the salt. Practically all the salt in the island has now been distributed to the fishing ports. Although at least 15,000 tons additional is expected to reach this city during the next month, it will arrive too late to save a large amount of cod, which is rapidly piling up at the various fishing centres.

Berwick, N. S., Had \$11,170 Fire Today

Berwick, N. S., July 15.—The Berwick planing mills owned by J. W. Hutchinson, were destroyed by fire today. The loss is placed at \$10,000. Valuable lumber was also destroyed. There was no insurance. The adjoining building an evaporating plant owned by the Berwick Fruit Company was also burned, the loss being estimated at \$1,500.

Krupp Workers Threaten Violence.

Geneva, July 15, via Paris.—A report has reached Basel that a big strike is threatened at the Krupp works at Essen, Germany, the movement being headed by the Union of Metallurgical Workmen and the Association of Mechanics. They demand higher wages, because of the cost of living, and shorter hours because of the great strain under which they work, the report says.

The workmen, according to these advices, are in an angry mood and threaten the destruction of machinery unless their demands are granted immediately as they have been put off for three months with promises. Several high officials have arrived at the Krupp works in an effort to straighten out matters and calm the workmen, the advices add, and Bertha Krupp is expected to visit the plant and use her great influence with the workers.

The Frankfurt Gazette, according to the news reaching Basel, has warned the administration of the Krupp plant of the seriousness of the situation, and has advised that the men's demands be granted. Meanwhile, the reports

state, several regiments have been moved to the vicinity of the works in the event that trouble result in a strike.

German Spy on British Navy Pays Penalty

London, July 15, 9.30 p. m.—Another German spy has been put to death in England, after having been condemned by court-martial. He was Robert Rosenthal, who was arrested in London early in June and confessed, it is alleged, to the officials of Scotland yard, that he had been sent to England by the German admiralty to obtain information concerning British naval matters. The official announcement given out here to night says:

"Robert Rosenthal who, on July 6 was tried by a general court-martial on charges of espionage, was found guilty and sentenced to death. The sentence was duly confirmed, and was carried out this morning."

Sand-Bags on Deck Protecting Baltic From Shell Fire.

New York, July 15.—As a protection against gunfire from submarine a shelter of sand-filled bags was piled along the decks of the White Star Line steamer *Baltic*, when she sailed for Liverpool with 314 passengers and a full cargo.

Unusual precautions were taken by steamship officials to protect the *Baltic* prior to her sailing. In addition to the usual guards, a cordon of private detectives was thrown around the entire pier and along the bulkheads. No one other than known members of the crew and identified passengers, were allowed within twenty feet of the ship. As a further precaution the space between decks was screened with heavy canvas.

"Doing His Bit"

(Manchester Guardian.)

I can vouch for the truth of the following stories, writes a Windermere correspondent. They show that some of us in the Lake District do not yet realize the seriousness of the war. At Ulverston, the other day, a farmer watching some recruits drilling was heard to say: "They'd look a deal better wi' pitchforks i' their hands!" And at the recent hiring fair at Cuckermouth some soldiers in khaki were sent to the market place to stimulate recruiting. One of them tackled a farmer notorious for having five sons, all of military age, at home. "We want one of your sons!" "Nay, I can't spare any. I tell ye, and Ise doing my bit, too!" "What are you doing?" "Ise giving twa eggs a week for 't'wounded!"

NOT A SPY.

Wesleyan. We noticed, last week, the report of an alarm being given in the vicinity of New Glasgow concerning the suspicious movements of a man supposed to be a spy. The policeman discovered that it was the retiring young Methodist preacher of the Trenton church out on a hill getting an airing and studying his sermons.

CUTTING DOWN COTTON TRADE.

London, July 15, 6.40 p. m.—The British government hopes very shortly to limit the export of cotton to neutral countries to the precise amount of actual need.

The Marquis of Crewe, lord president of the council and Liberal leader, in the house of lords, made an announcement to this effect in the upper house this afternoon.

Major Mersereau is Recovering

Major C. Jack Mersereau, Hampton, who was wounded at Langemarck while carrying despatches to the headquarters of the first Canadian Division, will be able to return to the front within six months, according to latest advices received at Fredericton on Wednesday. A specialist examined Major Mersereau recently and expressed himself as being surprised at the recovery of this brave officer. Only his abnormal constitution made it possible for him to pull through at all, and the fact that he will be able to go back to the front at all seems marvellous.

Man's Natural Defences

The thoughtful reader will say "Surely in the battle of man against microbes there must be some natural means of defence by which men have conquered in the past, long before the microscope was invented." He is right; and science is never better employed than

in these natural defences, writes Dr. C. W. Saleeby in the *Youth's Companion*. For example, we find no microbes at all in air just after it passes through the healthy nose. The nose is the original domestic filter for all microbes in dust in the air. Its secretions are antiseptic also and man has no more valuable outwork of defence than a normal nose. A choked nose, through which a person cannot breathe means that microbes enter the lungs freely by way of the filterless mouth. In the stomach we find free hydrochloric acid, produced some half hour or less after a meal. Its production from the common salt or sodium chloride of the blood by the living cells that line the stomach is one of the wholly imitable feats of the body. Until recently most of us thought that the hydrochloric acid was formed in the stomach solely in order to digest food, but now we have evidence to show that this hydrochloric acid is also a valuable antiseptic, working, for once, inside the body without hurting it, and probably often saving us from the microbes of consumption and typhoid fever. Thus the two great avenues of entry to the body are in a large degree guarded. It may be added that no known microbe can, unaided, penetrate the surface of the unbroken and healthy skin.



Thousands Perish In Chinese Floods

Hong Kong, July 15.—Tens of thousands of natives are estimated to have been drowned by the floods in the Chinese provinces of Kwantung, Kwangsi, and Kiangai, and the desolation in the devastated districts is terrible, according to the latest reports reaching here. A fire-swept area of one mile and raging floods are handicapping the work of rescue in Canton. The city was in darkness last night, the water having inundated the machinery of the electric light plant.

Missionaries have arrived here seeking the assistance of the United States gunboat *Callao* to aid in the work of rescue. The last report received here from Canton before communication was cut said that the Christian hospital was in danger from fire.

Washington, July 15.—Consul-General Anderson at Hong Kong, reported today that Canton was isolated except to powerful steamers, thousands have been drowned and tens of thousands are taking refuge on high places. Thousands of houses have been burned. American mission property has either been damaged or destroyed, and foreigners are taking refuge at the British consulate at Fu Chow. No foreigners have been lost as far as is known.

"Every Available German In Uniform And Wastage Cannot be Made Good"

Zurich, Switzerland, July 15.—It is becoming clearer that Germany has called upon her last reserves and that every available man is being sent to the firing line. Germans forty five years old residing in Switzerland have now been called to the colors. A typical case is that of a German 42 years old living in Basel, who has never been a soldier, but was called a month ago. A few days ago his family received a letter from the Russian front, where he had been sent after a fortnight's military training.

The doctors refuse hardly any one. A German in Zurich who had lost four toes on one foot was declared fit for service. Such men are used to guard the lines of communication, which liberates the more robust men for service at the front. Many has every available man in Germany, and can no longer make good the wastage. Everything now depends on the last desperate effort to burst through the Allies' lines. That attempt is now being prepared and is expected to take place before the end of the month.

The Destroyers of Louvain

London, July 15.—The Morning Post has the following from Copenhagen: A Berlin telegram states that the Prussian minister of the interior last week visited Louvain and examined a German architect's scheme for rebuilding Louvain. Interviewed, the minister declared that the government intended spending 30,000,000 marks in the reconstruction of Louvain as a modern town.

His Butler Honored He Limits Guests

Paris, July 2.—A leading light of the Parisian bar was deprived of Gaston, his butler, by the mobilization. Gaston has returned, decorated with the Legion of Honor and exempted from further military service because of an incapacitating wound that does not, however, interfere with the exercise of his calling. His place had been kept for him, but his return plunged the barrister into a perplexing embarrassment.

While Gaston wears the red ribbon, there were among the habitual guests of the house a number of eminent members of the bar whose buttonholes are entitled to nothing but flowers. The proprieties and all rules of precedence were contrary to the idea of a Legion of Honor man serving one not decorated.

The Judge refused to part with his servant and solved the problem by deciding that none but Legion of Honor men shall eat at his table.

Heavier-Than-Air Flying Machine

Baddeck, N. S., July 16.—Mr. Graham Bell has given out the following statement:

"It is obvious that we are on the eve of a revolution in the methods of conducting warfare and that the novel features introduced by the civil war are all the Product of scientific research. Hence, we may anticipate that the scientific man will be an important factor in future developments.

"I regard the progress of aviation as the most significant feature that has yet appeared. The power that secures supremacy in the air will ultimately have all the other methods of warfare at its mercy. Although sea power will become secondary to air power, it by no means follows that modern navies have by any means become obsolete and this is proved by the fact that in spite of Germany's great ingenuity, here commerce upon the high seas has been completely swept away by modern navies, and all her commerce destroyers have disappeared. Her submarine warfare has only been successful in destroying a very small percentage of her enemies' commerce, and the damage to naval vessels by Zeppelins and flying machines, is so far, not appreciable. One great lesson to be learned by America is the important part that will be played in the future warfare by the heavier-than-air flying machine, which has already demonstrated its ability to cope with the Zeppelin. America was the pioneer country in aviation, but it has fallen far behind the others and should give immediate attention to the future development of the art."

STEAL COPPER LION.

London, July 13.—The famous old bronze and copper lion that stood on the battlefield of Waterloo has been pulled down and is being converted into German shells, according to Holland advices today.

Explosion Caused by Outside Agencies?

Louisville, Ky., July 16.—Believing the explosion which wrecked the plant of the United Safety Company near Louisville last Monday, and which caused the loss of four lives, including that of the superintendent, to have been caused by outside agencies, an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the blast has been ordered. Until a month ago and since the beginning of the war in Europe the plant has been under lease to a Canadian company manufacturing high explosives.

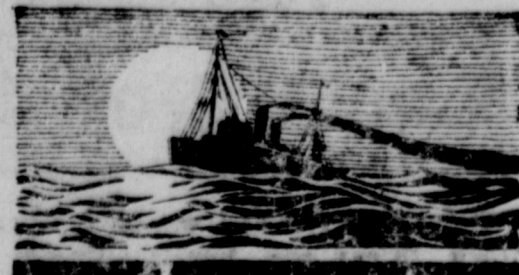
French Using Short Knife in Place of Bayonet

London, July 16, 3.05 a. m.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at British headquarters in France says:

"The French are arming their troops with a short knife for use in trench warfare, thus replacing the bayonet, which, when fixed in the rifle, is too long a weapon to give a man free play in the narrow trenches."

FROM THE COUNTRY.

A girl from the country who had recently come to town to work, and who was busy all day, went to a dentist one evening to have him extract a tooth which had been troubling her. She asked him what he would charge for the operation. "Five snillings with gas, two without." "Oh," said the girl, "then I'll drop in tomorrow, and have it out by daylight."



Afloat or Ashore

SEAL BRAND COFFEE

is still the favorite IT IS SUPERB!



Fire at Plaster Rock Tuesday Afternoon

Plaster Rock, July 14.—A disastrous fire visited the town yesterday afternoon. The building in which the fire started was badly gutted and was occupied by a grocery store owned by T. L. Bent and the Exchange Hotel operated by A. W. Turner, and was valued at \$5,500. Mr. Bent's stock, valued at \$2,500, and on which he carried \$1,500, was a total loss. Mr. Turner valued his furniture at \$1,600 and carried \$2,000 insurance on his property. The adjoining residence of Mr. George Ridgewell was badly destroyed by smoke and water.

Securing Happiness.

There is no such thing as finding true happiness by searching for it directly. It must come, if it come at all, indirectly, or by the service, the love, and the happiness we give to others.—R. W. Trine.

Think For Yourself.

The book to read is not the one which thinks for you, but the one that makes you think. No book in the world equals the Bible for that.—Doctor McCosh.

Peak of the Rhine.

Mrs. Askum—"So you took a trip abroad last summer. Did you go up the Rhine?" Mrs. Newrich—"Right up to the very top. What a splendid view there is from the summit!"—Boston Transcript.

Too Many Highballs.

Speaking of tennis, when a man goes on a racket he is apt to get into the court. Then there's the duce to pay, the net result sometimes being that he has to serve a term for his fault.—Boston Transcript.

To Amateur Gardeners.

For amateur gardeners the surest way to tell the weeds from the flowers is to pull them all out. The ones that come up again are the weeds.—Life.

Hungary Had Over 500 Cholera Cases

Paris, July 16.—A Havas despatch from Geneva says information has been received there from Budapest to the effect that 543 cases of cholera developed in Hungary during the week from June 21 to 28, with 218 deaths. Twenty four cases, out of a total of 81 in the army, are said to have resulted fatally.