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THE NORTH SEA FIGHT.

Discussing editorially the great naval battle which recently took place in the North Sea, the New York Herald says:

"Laying its cards on the table face up, the British Admiralty in a statement reproduced in our columns today, enumerates with convincing frankness its losses in ships and men, asserts that the German Admiralty is wilfully withholding the total German losses in capital ships, and claims, as it has every right to claim by the maxims of war and the traditions of the sea, that the battle off the Skagger Rack is a British victory. It was for a time a memorable encounter, in which the fortunes of battle varied. At the beginning the patrolling cruiser squadron under Vice Admiral Beatty was driven back, slowly and doggedly, but surely, by a superior force; at the end, with the appearance of the Grand Fleet's battleships, the German High Seas Fleet left the field and speeded toward the protection of its mine defences and shore guns.

"Granting the greater damage inflicted on the British in the earlier stages—and even this, as the air clears, is open to doubt—the German abandonment of the battle zone is a confession, if not an acknowledgment, of defeat. In the meantime flags of rejoicing are flying in the Fatherland and the Kaiser is telegraphing flamboyant messages reciting the triumph of his fleet over a greatly superior force. The Kaiser does well to praise the skill and gallantry of his officers and the competency of his ships, but with the British still commanding the sea and maintaining a relentless blockade, does he believe what he says, or is he kept purposely in ignorance of the truth?

"Some criticism of Vice-Admiral Beatty for engaging a vastly superior force without the assurance of prompt and sufficient support is finding guarded expression in England. This may or may not be deserved, but there can be no question of the stout and unyielding resistance he offered to the whole High Seas Fleet. In any event, he held it until his support did come, and it was magnificent, even if not war. What the German intentions in coming out were, are of course unknown and are only briefly generalized in the official report, but evidently it was not to seek out the British Grand Fleet, for when that opportunity offered it was hastily declined at long range."

Winnipeg Free Press: A concerted campaign of detraction of Frank B. Carvell, M.P., is being carried on in Ministerial newspapers from coast to coast. The organizers of this crusade might profitably bear two popular sayings in mind: "The most stones are always found under the best apple tree," and "Every knock is a boost." The people of Canada at large, we believe, regard Mr. Carvell as one of the most useful members of the House of Commons, and they will see to it that he is duly rewarded for his valorous battling in their behalf.

Moose Jaw Daily News: Many persons who disagreed with Colonel Winston Churchill in his criticism of British naval policy, will be inclined to agree with him in his remarks respecting the waste of fighting strength in the army. That 200,000 officers should have 200,000 servants, to say nothing of 60,000 grooms, seems to be ridiculous. These represent nearly six army corps. In the old days this might have been all right, but it is not today. Luxuries in the matter of servants should be curtailed quite as much as luxuries in supplies.

Winnipeg Free Press: It makes Sir Sam Hughes sad and angry to observe how blind people are to the merits of Col. John Wesley Allison, his guide and counsellor. The British Government refused to have anything to do with him; J. P. Morgan & Co. were jealous of him, and the British purchasing agents in the United States "knocked him," but amid all his tribulations he had one staunch friend, true as the needle to the pole. When it comes to standing by his friends, Sir Sam is certainly no quitter.

If the members of the Provincial Government desire Attorney General Baxter to take part in their deliberations, they should arrange the date of the meetings so as not to interfere with his private business. The Attorney General attended the meeting of the executive here this week at great personal inconvenience. He took a run up from St. John by the evening train and returned the following morning.

The Tory politicians of Nova Scotia, where a local election is now pending, have promised the people good roads if returned to power. The party now misgoverning New Brunswick made a similar promise when they were in opposition prior to 1908. How has the promise been kept? Take a trip out into the country and see for yourself.

The announcement is made that the Provincial Government has not yet decided on the route of the Valley Railway below Gagetown. This means that it has not yet been able to serve the various political interests. With this government the interests of the province must take a secondary position.

If the local patronage dispensers are possessed of any influence, they should try and persuade the Federal Government to extinguish the arc light in front of the old post office and install another in front of the new building, where it will do some good.

The government of Nova Scotia has just floated a loan of one million dollars with a firm of Toronto brokers, at 100.28. The rate of interest is five per cent, and the bonds have eight years to run.

Reports from Carleton county are to the effect that the friends of Elder Ploumning are inclined to resent some observations on political morality made during the Westmorland by-election by Deacon B. Franklin Smith.

Boston Transcript: The German population are feasting today on three cheers for breakfast, three warmed-over cheers for dinner, and three cold cheers for supper; but what'll they eat tomorrow?

The only politician who visited the city this week and got what he came after was Mr. Donald Munro, of Woodstock. He landed the registrarship of Carleton county. The others had to be content with promises.

Halifax Chronicle: On June 20th, Scotsmen in Nova Scotia will give their answer to the insults hurled by the Tory press bureau at one of the new Scottish settlers in Pictou county, who has been branded by the Tory press as a "German" and a "Hun."

ON THE SIDE.

Of course lots of the soldiers are saying it's a measly shame.

What's become of the Roumanians? No doubt they still remain neutral.

Really, its awful when it comes to putting the cucumbers and tomatoes to bed and covering them up with a quilt.

Germany's chief trouble right now seems to be that there is little to fry in Freiburg and less to eat in Essen.

How many more naval losses is Germany withholding for "military reasons?"

If the veteran James K. should by some chance land that vacant portfolio, how the graft organ would rejoice—nit.

A military investigation at Sussex seems to have brought out the fact that it is not necessary to go to the front to become a battle-scarred veteran.

It is always astonishing to a girl who offers a man a "canned compliment" to observe the ostrich-like avidity with which he swallows it—can and all!

There are just three brands of love—spiritual, physical and practical—and there is seldom room for any of them at the same time in one human heart.

If women ever control the affairs of state they will put their names on automobiles where the license number has been roosting.

Last night's frost scare was the cause of many garden beds looking just like the other kind of bed, and you could almost hear the cucumbers saying to the cabbages, "Half the bed and all the clothes."

MAJOR PRINGLE

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where we buried him was quite a large place but it had been blown to pieces by heavy shells. They were dropping around during the time we had the funeral.

There are the ruins of an old Dutch church in the town. All that is standing now are the four walls and part of the steeple. The face of the clock shows on two sides and it seems too bad to have such a fine church as this one must have been destroyed in this manner. It would be about the size of Trinity church in St. John.

Alas! it is so difficult for a girl to know what to do. If she doesn't respond to a man's sentiment she bores him to death, and if she does she frightens him to death.

Speculation sounds more refined than gambling, but a fellow loses equally.

Slants Of Humor

WANT A LOT.  
"Man wants but little Here below."  
Wise was this poet,  
But I've kept a careful tab,  
As we know;  
And with me you'll  
Perhaps agree  
That many of the  
Folks we see  
Are rather on the grab.

REWARD OF LABOR.  
A tourist in Ireland came upon a couple of men "in hoits" rolling on the road. The man on top was punning the other within an inch of his life. The traveler looked on for a moment in silence, and then intervened.  
"I say, it's an infernal shame to strike a man when he's down."  
"Fa th, if yez knew all the trouble I had gettin' him down, yez wouldn't be talkin' like that," came the intermittent reply.

PERSUASIVE.  
A certain clergyman was much grieved to find his "special service for men only" was so badly attended. He expressed his regret to the verger one evening, when, as usual, they were the only two at the meeting.  
"I really think they ought to come," he said, sadly.

"That's just what I've zed to 'em over an' over again," said the verger, consolingly. "I sez to 'em, I sez, 'Look at me, I sez, 'look at me, I goes to all them services, I sez, 'an wot 'arm does they do me?'"

TACTLESS FELLOW.  
A number of ladies at a party were asked to make wishes and one wished for the finest house in New York, another for the finest jewels in Chicago, a third for the richest husband in America, and so forth and so on.

The tactless man listened to a dozen or two of these wishes and then roared out, impatiently:  
"Great Scott! Don't any of you care for beauty?"

TURNING SUNSHINE LOOSE.  
"It's a dark day," some one said to Brother Williams, "a very dark, hopeless day."

And then the negro said:  
"Hit's ez you look at it. But why don't you unlock de sunshine? Ain't you got some hid 'round de house some's—in some ol' co'ner what you clean forgot? Stir 'roun'! Stir 'roun', an' t'n de sunshine loose. It's dar—in yo' house and heart."

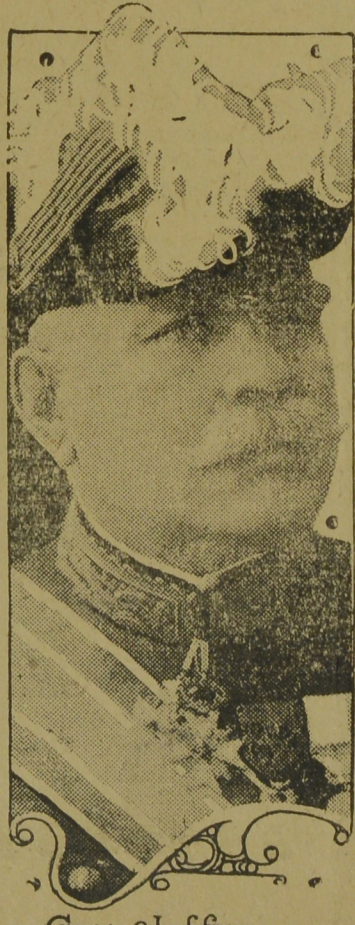
"Here," the dark day mourner said, "here's a dollar for you, old man."

"Bless Gawd!" Brother Williams said. "I knowed you'd turn loose de sunshine. Hit wuz in yo' pocket all de time!"

ST. JOHN VETERAN KILLED IN ACTION

(Canadian Press.)  
London, June 8.—Private Frank McCarthy, who fought with Madero's famous Free Lancers in the Mexican revolution and a veteran of Langemarck and Dr. Julien, was killed in action, relatives were notified today. He was a native of St. John, N.B., and enlisted at Stratford.

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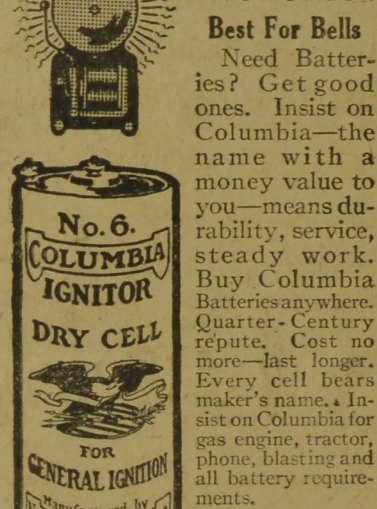
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