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PUT TO THE TEST

One of Napoleon's marshals at Waterloo is recorded as saying that they recognized the mistake made, but that the Emperor possessed a personal magnetism which compelled their admiration and obedience to his will, even when they knew him to be wrong. The Kaiser of Germany seems to possess the same magnetism, and Germans of high and low degree have followed and obeyed him. *Zeitung* of 21 July 1914 says the New York World.

Germany has built up a great army and navy as well as great industries and commerce under the administration of Emperor William II. In that he was followed the example of his own ancestors. But unlike Napoleon I, or rather like Napoleon III, he has acquired great personal glory as a soldier without having any experience in war. The first Emperor William, with the aid of Bismarck and von Moltke, organized the army campaign which overwhelmed France in 1870 and resulted in the new German empire. When the present Emperor came to the throne Germany's position as a military power had been established, and one of his early acts was to drop Prince Bismarck as his counselor, begin to dominate the policy of Germany without the adviser who had supplied the genius for creating the Empire, and, in fact, scorn all advice that did not harmonize with his own imperial will.

The Kaiser is known as the "War Lord of Europe," and yet he is now having his first experience in real war. His reputation as a soldier has been largely inherited, and enlarged by the attractive personality of an expanding ego, a keen sense of the dramatic, and the resultant publicity which follows a man who has confidence in himself and the audacity to assume unusual prerogatives. In common American slang the Kaiser's reputation as a war lord has been somewhat dependent on bluff, and after many years the bluff has been called, as was that of Napoleon III by King William. He has waited for no other power to declare war on Germany; he has taken the initiative and declared war on Russia, Great Britain, and Belgium and sent his ultimatum to Italy. No monarch of modern times has shown more audacious courage. He has combined the dramatic attitudes of Ajax and Col. Roosevelt.

What will be the outcome of this general warfare of Germany on all the other European powers can only be conjectured; but it is an anticlimax in the Kaiser's drama that his army has had its first repulse in the smallest kingdom of Europe, on territory that he had pledged Germany's aid for protection against invasion, and near to the historic field of Waterloo, where the first Napoleon had his final defeat at the hands of the British and the Prussians. That the German army in a dash to Paris should be defeated on territory of a small neutral power puts upon Germany the criticism of having challenged a giant and fought a pigmy, with the pigmy displaying the strength of David. Should English and French troops join the Belgians and give final defeat to the Germans at the same place where the English and the Prussians crushed Napoleon a century ago, it would complete the fiasco of the war lord who has held Europe under a hypnotic spell of fear for a generation by his dash and his audacity, his martial posturing, and his assumption of all the military glories won by Germany in the past. Then would fall another idol credited by the dramatists who make war heroes without war, great discoverers of what have been common highways for ages, great leaders by the mere assumption of extraordinary powers and virtues, and great combinations of all these extraordinary qualifications of mortal man by the aid of the theatrical manager who poses them with appropriate background before the camera for the moving picture drama.

The old Emperor William I, like

Grant and Wellington and other successful commanders, did not boast of his fighting spirit. The present Kaiser has not, however, stood alone in his assumption of being a war hero without war experience or in his success in hypnotizing the people with his egotism, his audacity, and his assumption of superior virtues. But his bluff has been called. —Washington Herald.

SIR RIDER HAGGARD

SPEAKS OUT

St. John, Aug. 13.—A speech that cut into the flesh of those who heard it and was a call to a sense of duty to all Canada was made last night by Sir Rider Haggard, the noted author, at the dinner given the members of the Dominion Royal Commission at the Union Club by Mayor Frink.

Never has such a speech made a stronger impression. In a few words of intense earnestness and conviction the speaker pierced all present with a sudden realization of the world-tragedy upon which the curtain has risen, and of their part in it, their personal part, the part of all Canadians.

The scene was tragic. The message went to their very souls, as it should go to the very souls of the people of all Canada.

Sir Rider Haggard's speech was as follows:

"Like the chairman of the commission I have some cause of complaint as I had no idea that I was to be asked to speak. You know the circumstances under which we meet this evening; they must weigh upon the mind of every Englishman in the Empire. Under these circumstances I say it is with no glad hearts that we attend even your own most kind and festive gathering.

I doubt if those present, I doubt if those in this country, realize the state in which the Empire stands to night. I believe that none really understand. Do men and women in your great country of Canada, whom I notice talking and laughing gaily, understand that the Empire is at grips for life and death?

England must conquer or fall forever. One of the gentlemen who spoke said that he knew how glad the country was to give England aid in distress. I know the country is glad, and I know that England is glad to accept your help. But do you all understand that you are England? (Cheers).

Do you understand that if we fall, you fall? Do you all understand that if Germany and her allies become the masters of England they become the masters of the world; and that in two or three years there will be no British Empire? If you realize this, every man of you must go as we must go. We stand at desperate straits with our fate.

The Armageddon which has been so long foretold has at length fallen upon us. In our country we have a party which for years and years has tried to drive down our throats the alleged fact that a large navy was not necessary for England. That party at times nearly got the upper hand. About 1886 or 1887 it had the upper hand but a revival took place and had it not been for this fact what would have been to day the state of the country? Through thick and thin, in face of ridicule of every kind, through detraction and insinuations of interested motives they who fought against the little navy, fought on and struggled insisting in this way and that and tried to drive home the fact that a larger navy was necessary to the life of the Empire. Had it not been for them England today would have practically no navy, and what then? (Cheers).

The navy is at this moment shrouded in the darkness of the North Sea. We know nothing, but we have faith. We believe that by the aid of God we shall conquer, and that the world shall be free if our belief is vain, good night to England, and good night to all you who are of England.

C. T. A. CASES

A Canada Temperance Act case against Long's Hotel was adjourned this morning until Monday. A case against Thomas Hayes of St. Mary's is being heard this afternoon.

HERE TOMORROW.

In spite of the fact that the tour of the Dominion Royal Commission has been brought to an early close by the war the commissioners will visit this city tomorrow. They will come by the steamer May Queen, which is chartered for the occasion. They will be entertained by the Board of Trade.

ASSAULT CASE DISMISSED.

An assault case from St. Mary's in which Harvey Cook was complainant and Fred Broke defendant was before the police court this morning. It arose over the cutting of hay. The case was dismissed.

Rev. A. F. Newcomb, who has been confined to his home by illness, the past week, is much improved.

A BIG LAND BATTLE IS REPORTED TODAY

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great numbers. The German and British governments have requested the United States embassy to intervene with the purpose of fixing a time for the merchant men of the low countries to quit the ports of enemy countries.

JAPAN COULD NOT JOIN

Peking, China, Aug. 11.—The Japanese government in reply to the suggestion of China that China, the United States and Japan should endeavor to mediate in the European conflict, said its obligation to Great Britain might prevent Japan from doing so.

In consequence of this reply China considers further efforts useless, and question of mediation might be rethought it was stated today that the opened with the United States in case there were any prospects of its success.

A note to foreign legations issued today says that China will establish a moratorium only for short term loans. It was stated that the government had decided to continue paying the indemnities and other obligations as long as possible.

ARTILLERY TO GO FIRST

It is not improbable that the first units to be sent abroad will be the artillery corps. Special attention has been paid to this branch of the service in Canada during the last few years, and some of the batteries will compare very favorably with the European regulars. It is stated that this branch of the service is what is needed by Great Britain, more particularly at the present moment. Two or three of the batteries may be sent to England almost immediately in advance of the other Canadian troops, and they will be at once hurried to the front.

It may be reassuring to the artillery men serving with the field guns to know that the test made by the department here today showed that the gunshells of finely tempered steel will resist the new sharp-pointed bullets which have come into vogue during the last year. When fired at point blank against the shield this afternoon, these latest shells made almost no impression on the protecting front of the shield.

It is interesting to note that in the small army of laborers now at work on the camp ground at Valcartier, there are hundreds of Austrians and Germans who apparently are quite content to remain in steady employment in Canada, and show no desire to go back and help fight the battles of their military war lords.

BLAIR-WARD

William Blair of LaColle Junction, P. Q., and Miss Amelia Ward were united in marriage at the Church of St. Vincent de Paul, Oromocto, on Wednesday. Rev. Father Carleton performed the ceremony. Bride and groom came to this city on their way to their new home.

ROYAL COMMISSION

The Royal Commission on the Valley Railway charges will resume work at St. John tomorrow. It is understood that several additional witnesses will be examined.

PERSONAL

E. S. Murdoch of Renous River, is at the Barker House.

G. P. Fairweather, of St. John, is in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Boyd and son Harry of Woodstock, are the guests of Mrs. L. McFarlane, Saunders St. City Clerk McCready is steadily recovering from his recent illness. He was able to be out for the first time yesterday.

F. W. Roach of St. John, is at the Queen Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Hutchinson, of Richibucto, are at the Queen.

Mr. Ernest Shields, who is an officer in the Brighton Engineers, went to Woodstock this morning to consult with his commanding officer.

Woodstock Press.—Dr. and Mrs. Crockett, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Taylor of Fredericton, spent Friday evening at the Carlisle Hotel. They were on their way to Van Buren, Me by auto.

C. E. Gilbert, of Ashtabala, O., is at the Barker House.

The destruction of the I.C.R. elevator at St. John by fire last night, was an event which is likely to cause a lot of deep thinking. The fire was of incendiary origin and there is a suspicion that it may have been set by German spies. A correspondent in another column calls attention to Germany's system of espionage and points out that it is the practice of German spies in war time to destroy granaries, bridges, public buildings, etc. As there are a lot of young men here anxious for military service the suggestion has been made that a guard should at once be placed on the two bridges and the parliament buildings. Precautionary measures of this kind may not be necessary but they can certainly do no harm.

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"SIXTY YEARS A QUEEN."

The great moving picture "Sixty Years a Queen," will be put on at the Opera House on the evening of Monday, August 17th. Concerning this great feature The Annapolis Spectator says:—"The splendid seven-reel picture 'Sixty Years a Queen,' shown at the Bijou Dream on Tuesday night was one of the best attractions that Manager Cripps has placed before the public in this place. The picture was not only historically correct in every point but was treated with a reverence and a dignity not often found in such productions. We are glad to learn that there is a possibility of a return of this film to Annapolis Royal on Tuesday night next. Everyone should make an effort to see it. At a time like the present when our loyalty is called to the test the splendid life and example of the great and good Queen cannot but be a stimulus and a help."



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