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The part played by the British Dominions in the present war shows that the contention of many that ties of affection are stronger than those of iron is correct. There are some who believe that a federation of the empire is desirable in which each member would have specified rights and set limits. Such a state of affairs would almost be certain to cause friction and strife. Under the present arrangement each part of the empire is allowed to develop along its own individual lines while the ties of blood and common heritage make them a solid unit in the presence of their foe. The Dominions are like the grown-up sons of a family who will be more prosperous and better allies when thrown upon their own resources than if they were curtailed by paternal ties. A son tied to his mother's apron strings never amounts to anything. Let the British Dominions retain their autonomy and the ties of kith and kin will take care of the rest.

Without any assurances that the city will get the War's Channel power we are called upon to pay the sum of \$4,000 as initial fees. Already this year the government has insisted on the city paying a forced loan by discounting treasury certificates making the interest to the city over ten per cent. It would appear that there is no pity for Prince Rupert. Indeed, the recent action of the Government, is about as severe as the war levy of the German army. There can be no possible excuse for the Government charging the city this fee. The water belongs to the people and should be reserved free of cost for the nearest municipality that can

use it. Especially in a time of stringency it is nothing short of an outrage to demand this money.

Will somebody send an alienist around to see what is the matter with the Editor of the Empire. The ordinary physician cannot prescribe...

Who would not offer a word for the women of Europe—the women who must work now and who will weep later; the women who will find labor instead of glory in the great war; the women who must sacrifice themselves without hope of reward; the women who must always look at the grim, hopeless side of things, and who are never enthused or encouraged by the tinsel, the glamor and the roar that drive men on.

Old soldiers say that when the guns begin to boom and the bullets to whistle, even raw recruits forget to feel afraid; that there is a fascination about the noise and confusion that hypnotizes them into action.

What about the women? For them there is no noise and confusion. They realize that war is on only when the wounded and dead are brought home to recuperate or to be buried; when flour gets scarce or when the son sends a missive penned by another's hand; when the husband, indites a loving message to his children on the eve of a great battle which warns him he will not return alive.

We read with thrills about concentration here, of skirmishes there, and of all the other phases and activities that go to make up the great military game that is being played by millions of men. What

about the women who are doing the real work, and who will later be called upon to pay the price—the women who, Horace Greeley said, should never vote until they shouldered the musket, but who nevertheless have been compelled to carry every army, every campaign, and every military expedition upon their bended backs since the dawn of creation?—Exchange.

SHOALS OF HERRING WASTED IN B. C.

Neglected Opportunities in Pacific Coast Fisheries—Openings in Canning Industry

Washington, D.C., August 27.—A late issue of the U.S. Consular and Trade Report has the following article concerning the fisheries business in B. C.:

Notwithstanding the fact that the fisheries business has made rapid progress in British Columbia in recent years, and now constitutes one of the most important branches of industry in the Province, there are still excellent opportunities for building up a profitable trade in canning certain kinds of fish. It is the opinion of those who are familiar with conditions that scarcely a beginning has been made in commercially exploiting the many varieties of fish which abound in these waters. Vast shoals of herring run for months every year in the hundreds of bays and inlets along the thousand miles of British Columbia's sheltered sea coast. They teem in shoals in Nanaimo, Pender and Prince Rupert harbours, Quatsino sound, and many other harbours and bays, from the Fraser River to the Alaskan boundary. Every year thousands of tons of herring are swept in by the tides to be left stranded and dying on the shores of a hundred bays. This is a great waste of material and opportunity which does not seem to have been taken into account by those who are interested in the fisheries industry.

Interest Centres in Salmon Fishing

The interest in the British Columbia fishing industry has so far been centered almost entirely in salmon packing, and there is no lack of capital and enterprise in that particular branch, which has been exploited to the neglect of other important features of the business. The season of the salmon run is short, and the canneries are closed down during most of the year, while herring can be taken all the year round along the entire coast, although the heavy run is during the winter months. This would enable the factories to continue operations throughout the year and would obviate, to a large extent, the difficulty of securing a sufficient number of hands to handle the business during the high season in the salmon-canning industry.

It is only in recent years that halibut have been taken in commercial quantities on the British Columbia Coast, and so far, the packing of sardines is practically an untried enterprise. The herring, which are caught in large quantities, are now mainly used as bait in the halibut fisheries, and for that purpose only the larger fish are kept. Nothing is done with the smaller ones, which could be packed for sardines. There are, along the Provincial coast, scores of fine sites for sardine factories, where the fish could be caught in adjacent waters in unlimited quantities and at small expense.



CHIEF OF VALIANT BELGIANS

King Albert and his staff. King Albert has said that he will shoulder a gun himself if needed to protect Belgium.

WESTERN COAL TRADE MAY SUFFER COMPETITION

Vancouver, August 27.—Revolution threatens the coal trade of the Pacific Coast on the opening of the Panama Canal.

Eastern Canadian and Virginian coal companies propose to deliver coal at the Pacific end of the Canal at \$4.15 per ton, and at Vancouver at \$5 a ton. This means that the Vancouver Island coal companies will have to operate under improved conditions to hold their trade, especially in the Coast markets between here and Panama. To do this the cost of living and labor conditions must approximate those of the East, with which Western coal will come into direct competition.

SEATTLE PRICES HIGH

Seattle, August 27.—With sugar now retailing in the United States at the highest figure since the Civil War, with the beet sugar crop in continental Europe practically ruined and the United Kingdom compelled to bid against American buyers in Cuba for the 170,000 tons per month consumed by that Kingdom, commercial experts in Seattle today freely predicted that the saccharine commodity locally would reach the price of \$10 per hundred lbs., or 10 cents per pound, before the end of the present season.

BAD CONDITIONS PREVAIL

London, August 27.—"There appears to be very little exaggeration in the account of the bad commissariat arrangements in the German army," says the Antwerp correspondent of The Times. Prisoners brought in by the French yesterday had beets and carrots in their knapsacks. They had been living on these for several days. On the other hand, The French commissariat is now working splendidly.

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