

EDITORIALS

The reported refusal of certain of the city employees to celebrate the departure of Prince Rupert's contingent for the front is a very serious matter. If any one in this town deliberately intended to slight the wishes of the city in this respect there is no punishment to severe to hand out to him. Men who are disloyal to the Empire at this time have neither claim on city wages nor, indeed, tolerance. If on the other hand it was brought about by a misunderstanding of the occasion or of the facts it will not do to act unseemly. It is quite proper that the parties of which these things are reported should be given a chance to speak for themselves but the citizens will expect the committee to hue to the line.

There is no doubt but there are a number of people in this city who care nothing for the Empire or its traditions. At the time the canvas was made in the interests of the Patriotic Fund a crowd of apparently workmen were approached in one of the local poolrooms. The facts were put before them but the only response was a titter and a nudging of elbows. Of course every country has a class so low in intelligence that they cannot grasp the lofty truths of patriotism and perhaps these belonged to that class. While a class like that may be tolerated while they remain undemonstrative it should be the definite policy of the city to hand out to them no favors until all patriotic citizens are first looked after.

It is also freely stated around town that the representatives of some of the smaller nationalities of Europe who reside here are quite pro-German in their sympathies and do not hesitate to say so. Every man is entitled to freedom of thought but freedom of expression in a time like this is quite different. Any foreigner who expects to make his home here had better be very careful of how he behaves in the present crisis. The strange thing, too, is that what those people seem to fear most is the very thing that Britain is now fighting against, viz., the encroachment of a stronger power. Britain has always been the protector of the weak and should any of her present allies transgress in that respect in the future Britain will fight her as sternly as she now fights Germany. Let us forget the bogies of the future and fight the enemy of the present—Prussian Militarism.

In the last issue the Canadian Fraternity publishes a certified statement of receipts and expenditures of the moneys received at the patriotic ball. Besides this they invited the local officers of the patriotic fund to handle the receipts as they came in. This action of theirs is commendable. While there is no reason to doubt that all moneys received at patriotic affairs are properly expended, it is better to have things done in a businesslike way that leaves no room for doubt. It might be a good idea for similar bodies in the future to do likewise.

BELLA COOLA NOTES  
(Bella Coola Courier)

S. S. Camosun arrived in port about the usual time on Sunday morning last, remaining at the wharf for several hours discharging freight for the local merchants and others.

Among the passengers from the south was Mr. B. B. Haugan who during the week has been conducting a course of interesting lectures at the Colony Hall, Hagensborg.

Mr. Haugan's annual visit is looked forward to with eagerness by the Hagensborg people, and from accounts to hand it is apparent that the lecturer has lost none of his pleasant versatility.

Mrs. George Young and her three sons left for Vancouver on Sunday last where they intend to take up their residence.

Visitors to the Grand View Hotel were treated to some excellent music on Saturday evening. Early in the evening the large dining hall was well filled by local music lovers, the chief attraction being the beautifully rendered selections by Mr. Fred W. Renworth of Prince Rupert, who, as a flautist, has few peers on the Pacific Coast. Among others who added much to the enjoyment of the evening were Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Saugstad, violin and piano, and Mr. Atkins whose splendid baritone voice was heard to excellent effect in several patriotic selections.

Dr. J. C. Spenser of Port Simpson came in by power launch on Thursday last and is visiting old friends in the town. Dr. Spenser formerly resided at Bella Coola, being in charge of the Methodist Indian Mission for a number of years. He is now chairman of the northern district and is looking into the requirements of the several missions under his charge, hence his visit to this place. He remarks on the developments which have taken place in Bella Coola since his departure eight years ago. The doctor has kindly consented to preach at the usual evening service at the McKenzie School tomorrow.

FRANCE HAS MILLION TRAINED MEN NOT YET AT THE FRONT

The Military Experts Are Convinced War Will Last for Another Year.

Paris, Nov. 11.—France still has probably a million and a half of men capable of bearing arms, most of them under arms, who have never been to the front. These are the very young men and the reserves in the older class who are being trained for taking their places on the battle line, and reserve material for replacing the battle losses. France, therefore, can lose one and a half million men and yet maintain her gigantic armies on the fighting line at the same strength they have now. The same thing may be true of Germany—it probably is—and therefore military observers in Paris cannot believe in a short and decisive war. The immense operations which have already taken place are looked upon as merely the beginning, as merely the deployment and opening engagements of a war which may not reach its greatest violence until spring.

ABOUT "TIPPERARY."

Composer Was Unable to Find a Publisher for Famous Song—New Version.

The following facts about a song whose strains are of worldwide popularity and whose name bids fair to become a household saying for many years to come, are of some interest at the present time:

"It's a Long, Long Way to Tipperary" was written by Jack Judge, a London, music hall artist, of Irish descent. He composed both the words and music over two years ago, but could not find a publisher, although he visited house after house in London. Finally, he persuaded one publisher, just a little over a year ago, to try it out, and at once it was a decided hit. After that Judge's fortune was made and the lilt of the marching tune can now be heard everywhere throughout the British Empire, and in many countries where they are friendly to the Allies.

A new version likely to attract the popular fancy runs as follows: It's a long way to St. Helena, It's a long way to go; It's a long way to St. Helena, Where the Kaiser's bound to go. Good-bye, Kaiserina, farewell Germany; It's a long way to St. Helena, Where the Kaiser will be.

The popular song in Seattle now is, "It's not a long way to Vancouver, and it's not dry you know."

KIPLING WARNS THE UNITED STATES

Original German Plan Was to Move on the United States First.

Chicago, Nov. 10.—"We are fighting hard here and mean to continue, but, of course, the fact that interests you chiefly is that you are next to the firing line." These are words of Rudyard Kipling, contained in a letter received from the novelist by James Kinsella, a postal employee. "Doubtless," continued the letter, "you have seen a translation of Germany's alternative proposal, first to move against the United States and then on England. The fact that they (the Germans) have reversed their program does not mean that they have abandoned it if they are able to carry it out."

Mr. Kinsella, an admirer of Mr. Kipling, had forwarded to the novelist some American newspaper clippings containing stories of the war. In acknowledging receipt of these, Mr. Kipling used the words quoted.

TURKEY DENOUNCED BY HEAD OF MOSLEMS

London, Nov. 10.—His Highness, Aga Kahn, who is known as the spiritual head of the Mohammedans in India, East Africa and Central Asia, has sent a cable-gram from London, addressed to the Moslems in India and other British dominions, in which he expresses his deep sorrow that Turkey has joined hands with Germany in the war. In this message he says:

"This is not the free will of the Sultan, but the will of the German officers and other non-Moslems, who have forced him to do their bidding."

He declares, further, that Turkey has now lost her position as the trustee of Islam. She has drawn her sword in an unholy cause, and the duty of Moslems today is to remain loyal and faithful to their temporal and secular allegiance.

IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT AIDS AUSTRALIA—LOANS HUNDRED MILLIONS

Melbourne, Nov. 10.—The Imperial government has consented to assist Australia with a loan of \$100,000,000. This sum will be advanced in two installments of \$50,000,000 each, repayable in five years.

PASTOR FOR TORONTO.

Rev. J. W. Woodside, of Vancouver, Going to Chalmers.

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