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EDITORIALS

The opinion has been expressed in England that the scares with regard to invasion are put forward by Germans in order to frighten the people of Great Britain out of sending troops to France. If so, the trick is a very foolish one. Every word that is said about a German invasion of England stimulates recruiting. The chief obstacle to recruiting in the United Kingdom is not fear but confidence. It has been hard to convince the people of these islands that they are in danger. The war is still regarded as a Continental war, and for generations Englishmen have been taught that they have nothing to do with Continental wars.

The idea is now being dispelled, and the Germans are doing their best to dispel it. They are the best recruiting agents for England. When Antwerp was taken it was regarded as a movement against England. When the Kaiser said "On to Calais" it was as if he had said "On to England." The German raid on Yarmouth, did England no harm; on the contrary, it put a powerful argument into the mouths of recruiting officers. In connection with this or some other alarm the Manchester Guardian said:

"In the old days it seemed

good enough to ensure ourselves against all risks of foreign attack. Naval predominance was our main and sufficient shield and standby. In the new world that we live in now, it is not fair to the navy, it is not safe for ourselves, to throw so much of the risk upon a fleet for which, however overwhelming its superiority, it is not humanly possible to keep the Straits of Dover clear of hostile torpedoes. Well, in this changed world, what must we do? What we must do when the war is over we need not ask now—it depends on too many things still unknown. But what we must do at the moment is clear. We, with our allies, must make dead sure of winning on land. We must win at sea, too, but still we must fight on land as if there were no sea, as if we knew that we had to stand or fall solely on land. And if, with the full energy of our minds, we realized this, how could there be a lull in recruiting while Germany's armies are where they are?"

As to sending away soldiers to France who might otherwise defend England, nobody cares. The more recruits are raised, the more defenders there will be both in France and in England; and a defender in France is just as good as a defender in England.—Star.

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Terrace, Dec. 5.—A quiet but exceedingly pretty wedding took place at the Crescent Ranch, in Lakelse Valley, on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 p. m., when Mr. T. J. Kirkpatrick and Mrs. Annie Laurie Firestone were united in matrimony by Rev. W. J. H. Petter. Mrs. Petter and Messrs. Albert and Fred Michaud were the witnesses to the ceremony.

The bride was charmingly dressed in pearl grey Eolienne silk, trimmed with shell pink silk and cream shadow lace.

A very dainty lunch was served at the close. The happy couple will reside in the Stewart house on Lakelse Avenue.

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THE DOMINION ELECTIONS MAY BE HELD IN FEBRUARY

CHANGES IN THE CABINET WILL PRECEDE THE CONTEST—TRANSFER OF HANNA AGAIN PROPOSED—PLAN TO FORESTALL TARIFF QUESTIONS.

Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 30.—The latest political gossip is that the government is quietly laying plans for a federal election early in the spring. From present intentions, so far as the government is concerned, a short session will be held starting in January, and the election will take place probably at the end of February. Already preparations are going forward for the contest. The city from day to day is full of Conservative members and candidates who are continually in conference with those members of the government to whom are entrusted the task of organizing and winning elections.

Campaign literature is being assiduously prepared at the government bureau, and a tactfully prepared pamphlet purporting to answer the question, "Why Three Dreadnoughts?" has already been extensively circulated. In addition orders have been given for the preparation of cartoons calculated to appeal to the electorate on behalf of the government. Organization preparations are also going forward at various centers.

Cabinet Changes.

A further reorganization of the cabinet is contemplated before an appeal is made to the people. It is probable that a further change may be made in the Quebec end. Hon. Louis Coderre, Secretary of State, may retire in favor of Albert Sevigny, member for Dorchester.

In Ontario, it is stated that Hon. W. J. Hanna, Provincial Secretary, may take the place of Hon. T. J. Crothers, Minister of Labor, who will receive a judgeship. The position of Solicitor-General will be made a cabinet one, and Hon. Arthur Meighen will be taken on the treasury benches. A further report is to the effect that Hon. Martin Burrell will be transferred to the Senate, and Premier McBride, Premier of British Columbia, will be brought into the cabinet.

Program of Appeal.

It is not exactly clear what the issue of the government will be, though it is reported that a naval program combining the principles of contribution and co-operation will be outlined at the coming session. In addition, an extensive program of military assistance to the Motherland will be presented.

The government may profess that it requires the mandate of the people to proceed with these.

For Western consumption, it is probable that the government will promise an investigation into agricultural conditions along the lines suggested by the joint deputation which waited on the cabinet a few days ago. This would obviate the necessity of making any declarations upon such economic questions as the tariff, transportation, distribution, or agricultural credits.

The Highways Bill, as intimated by the Prime Minister to the deputation, will again be reintroduced.

It is not apparent at present that business and financial concerns throughout the Dominion are any more anxious for an election during the present troublous times than they were when it was mooted a month ago. Nevertheless, plans are being seriously laid and it will not be the government's fault if an election is not held.—Toronto Star.

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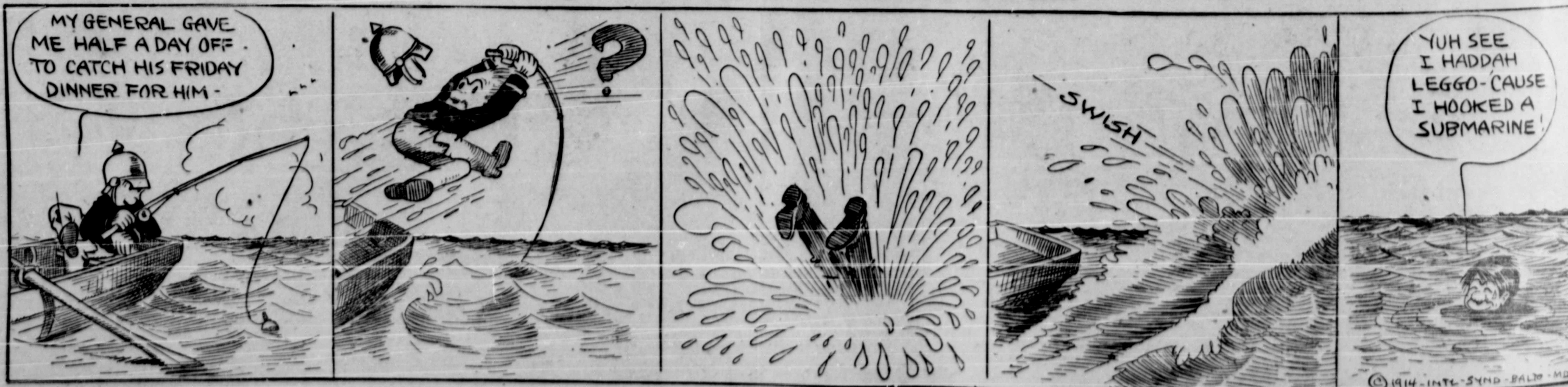
Honolulu, Dec. 10.—An exodus of Japanese has begun to assume noteworthy proportions here. Thousands of veterans of the Russo-Japanese war are preparing to return to the colors.

Word has reached them that they may expect to see service with their allies, the British, in Egypt, Africa and India.

The good thing that you put your cash in is not always so good when one attempts to pull the money out.

Too Big A Fish For The General To Eat

Drawn for The Daily News by "Hop"



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