

**EDITORIALS**

Later information appears to show that not fifteen men but several hundred of the enemy were rescued by the British cruisers when the German fleet was sunk off the Falkland Islands.

When the first news of the battle reached Toronto the report said that about fifteen German sailors had been rescued from the water, and people in the streets, remembering how, when the Goodhope and Monmouth were sunk, not one man was rescued by the enemy, were heard to say that the Germans ought to have been treated as they treat others and left to their fate. It is curious how peaceable people, far from war and its horrors, can express views of the ferocious kind—although right here at home they would be deeply concerned over a wounded bird or a sick cat. Yet if one considers the question the conclusion must be reached that the true feelings of these people, if analyzed, would show that they do not resent the saving of enemies from drowning. What stirs their resentment is the failure of the enemy to show a similar humanity when his turn comes.

In saving all who could be saved when the enemy's ships went down, Admiral Sturdee

lived up to British traditions on the sea. To sink the enemy and rescue the individual is the British way and long has been. There is nothing more creditable to us as a people than that in such warfare as this we can adhere to our own standards under extreme provocation, and do the right thing though the enemy does the wrong. Only a nation serene in the confidence that its power suffices and that its principles are sound could go its way unperturbed in warfare with a nation that adopts a barbaric ruthlessness in the expectation of deriving advantage from it.

It is argued on behalf of the Germans that in the battle of Coronel so high a sea was running that no work of rescue could be done by them. That may be so; it is possible. But there appears to be nothing in German teaching that would call for rescue work at such a time. It would be interesting to secure the opinion of the officers of the Glasgow, who were present, as to whether they think the sea was too rough to have prevented British ships engaging in rescue work if they had won in that engagement.

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cruiser nearly met with destruction through tarrying to rescue Germans in the water, a powerful enemy rushed to attack her while she was so engaged. She had to make off, deserting one of her lifeboats, but a British submarine rose to the surface alongside, took the crew from the small boat, and disappeared. It forms one of the dramatic incidents of the war. German officers are accused of having, in that battle, actually shot at their own men struggling in the sea. The explanation probably is that the officers considered the men guilty of insubordination in quitting the ship without orders in the hope of being rescued. It is difficult to reach any other explanation of shooting that undoubtedly was done.

Early in the war a British cruiser found a German aeroplane wrecked and adrift in the English Channel with two exhausted men clinging to it. They had a store of bombs on their machine, and had set out with the amiable purpose of dropping explosives on just such vessels as that which found them hopelessly adrift. They were picked up, their wrecked machine, with its bombs, was sunk. They were rolled in warm blankets, taken to England, and placed in hospital.

That is the way the British play the game. They observe the rules. Sometimes it is said that they are too considerate; but, after all, is not every Briton on the world over just a little proud of the way things are done? It is a strong, confident race that can set such examples, and is not driven by hate, or fear, or panic, to abandon its own leisurely, civilized, but resolute method of prosecuting war.

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**PARTY CONVENTIONS HELD IN ALBERTA**

Standard Bearers Will Be Chosen to Contest Those Federal Ridings in Which Conservatives Have Already Broken Truce.

The Alberta Liberals recently took up the gauntlet thrown down in federal constituencies where there has been marked activity in the Conservative camp recently, and fixed dates for the holding of conventions in those constituencies where the government party has already held, or has arranged conventions.

Liberal standard bearers to contest the seats in the next Dominion election will therefore be chosen at conventions to be held as follows: Lethbridge, January 13; Macleod, January 14; Medicine Hat, January 20; Stratheona, January 22; and West Edmonton, January 27. The conventions in Bow River and Battle River will be arranged shortly.

It was made clear at the meeting of the Alberta Federal Liberal Association called to review the provincial situation in view of the recent activity of the Conservatives, that they were prepared to adhere to the political truce created at the outbreak of hostilities, but that the truce having been broken in several federal constituencies in the province, they felt bound in self-defence to call conventions, and decide what men they would place in the field in those constituencies. The opinion was expressed that the Liberals of the province were still prepared to maintain that truce in the constituencies in which there had been no marked Conservative activity. Mr. A. Allan, president of the association, was in the chair. Among prominent politicians who took part in the proceedings were Senator Talbot, Lacabe; Senator DeWebber, Lethbridge; Hon. Frank Oliver, M. P., Edmonton; James Douglas, M. P.; Dr. Michael Clark, M. P., Red Deer; W. H. White, M. P., Victoria; W. A. Buchanan, M. P., Lethbridge; W. J. Magrath, Edmonton; Alex. Morrison, Coleman; S. J. Shepherd, Lethbridge, and T. W. Quayle, Edmonton, secretary of the association, among others.

Following the gathering the West Calgary delegates arranged a luncheon at Cronn's Rathskeller, at which most of the politicians attended. Mr. C. B. Reilly, president of the Calgary Liberal Association, was in the chair. Only three toasts were proposed, the King, the Dominion of Canada, and the Army and Navy, all the speeches being in patriotic vein. W. H. White, M. P., proposed, and Hon. Frank Oliver replied to the toast to the Dominion, while Jas. Short, K. C., proposed the toast of the Army and Navy, and James Douglas, M. P., and Chas. Fisher, M. P., replied.

The majority of the visiting politicians left again for their homes last night.

A new bulb-shaped ladle for molten metals has an opening on one side so that its contents can be poured more accurately and at the same time leave the dross behind.

**LORD ROBERTS AS GREATHEART**

One of the most noticeable features of the high tributes paid to Lord Roberts is the appreciation of his moral character.

The Pall Mall speaks of him as "the pattern soldier, the hero, the Christian Knight."

"A hero in war, he was no less a hero in peace. In him God made and gave to Britain for an everlasting possession, a man as nearly perfect as the world has ever seen. The joyful assurance of the Apostle was most fully his: 'I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course.'"

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"In a room specially set apart for that purpose he conducted morning prayer for his household, while Sunday mornings invariably found him at church," says the Chronicle.

**KEIR HARDIE SILENT.**

London, Dec. 24.—The voice of Keir Hardie, famous labor leader, is heard no more in the land—or at least only rarely compared to his former frequency of eloquent oration.

Keir Hardie has retired to a state of semi-seclusion, for in these unsettled times his anti-belligerent temperament is sorely tried by contact with the world. Hardie was one of those who argued most strongly against war, and the participation in war, of the laboring man.

**NOW HE WILL FIGHT.**

Vancouver Policeman Is at Last Successful in Efforts to Enlist.

Jean Moens, of the Vancouver police force, who twice journeyed to Belgium to enlist in the army of his native land and who was refused because of his defective eyesight, on Saturday received notification that his services would be accepted if he again presented himself. He will leave at once for Belgium.



**LADY DECIES.**

Wounded at Dunkirk by a piece of bomb dropped from a German Taube aeroplane. She was formerly Miss Vivian Gould, of New York and was doing Red Cross work at Dunkirk.

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