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Two Tommies who Spent Two Hours with Kipling and yet did not Know it

Editor, Daily News.

I hardly feel that it is necessary for me to thank you in to open the first can which advance for granting me the space, etc., in your valuable paper, not been in perfect condi- to tell you a good story about Ruydard Kipling.

British Columbia, what a host of readers and admirers of Kipling there are here, I am not afraid of lacking an audience. To hen you buy canned milk you have received from Mr. Kipling a most charming and courteous beet it to open up in perfect personal letter, signed by himself was my good fortune a day if it is Pacific or two ago, and I am so over-

you are very sure to get whelmed with pardonable pride at and that they wandered around a for we test each can several my stroke of good fortune, that I bit. One afternoon they were must even endeavor to rush into strolling in a park and met a lady print and tell you the story which and gentleman who got into conoccasioned the great event. But versation with them. The genfirst I must give you the letter tleman, who my friend in some from Kipling.

Kipling's Letter ctories at Ladner and Ab- Private. Bateman's

25th, and I recall the meeting you his wife he would join her a little mention with the two Canadian later. They apparently started soldiers in London. I am afraid, in to see the sights. The New however, that I cannot take Brunswicker said he took them credit for having spent so long to the "Coort House," I discova time with them as they bre- ered later that he referred to the ported, but it was often the case House of Commons, "the Mother in those days that one found men of Parliaments." from the Dominions at loose ends in London and wanting to find After an hour or so the kind, their way.

kind letter, believe me,

Yours truly. RUDYARD KIPLING. George S. Fitzmaurice, Esq., Prince Rupert.

British Columbia, Canada.

How It Happened It happened this wise. In the atter part of October or beginning of November '18, just before the Armistice, I. Private Fitzmaurice, of the C.E.F., was "carying on," a bit below par as refilness, at a big Canadian, nvalescent hospital at a place overseas. I had only been over from France about a month, and ing the days when the house was occupied by a big family. There ward, mostly wounded cases, getting ready to go back to the hospital that after a man had been there three weeks be was entitled to four days leave in day noon and returned Sunday For the time being I was commidnight. Two of the boys, one pletely overwhelmed and abased a middle aged Englishman, an ex-Tommy I believe, the other' sickly sort of a chap from some obscure part of one of the Maritime provinces, got their leave to-

A Writer Chap

The next morning after breakast, of course I had to get busy and start to interview them on their adventures whilst on leave. You see I was figuring on getting quite recently. leave myself pretty soon. They their outing. I think it was the today without a peer in the Eng-New Brunswicker, a little more loquacious than his confrere, who of prose and verse. For the last vouchsafed a little information. He said that they stayed at a Canadian Maple Leaf Club or hut,



12 o'clock noon, Tuesday, October 30, flag has braved a thousand "Who stands if freedom fall, and repairs to the wharf at Bella Coola, years the battle and the breeze." Who dies if England live?"

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for the sum of \$10.00, pay- nerialist and Britisher in, the And yet my little motor boat R. C. DESROCHERS.

A Story About the Great Author, by George S. Fitzmaurice.

Guaging full well, from my long experiece in Northern

occult fashion I could not fathom, described to me "as a sort of a writer chap," addressed Burwash | them cheerily, and asked them Sussex, how they were enjoying them-19th September, 1923. | selves. They couldn't have looked Dear Sir-I have read with much very hilarious, for he offered to

sterest your letter of August take them around a bit, telling

The Magic Card

goodbye to them, giving them his With many thanks for your card, saying that if ever they were in his part of the country to be sure and call and see him. At this point the silent and solemn ex-Tommy fumbled in the pocket of his tunic where he kept his paybook and produced for my edification a piece of paste board, a gentleman's visiting, card. glanced at it more or less indifferently and read-

"Bateman's "Burwash "Sussex

"Rudyard Kipling."

"Atheneum Club," I gasped! I staggered! I went straight up! It was no use. They did not understand. I fancy he ex-Tommy had a glimmering wicker's face was a blank. I said "What! Do you mean to say that you fellows spent nearly two hours with Rudyard Kipling and did not know it, or realize what it meant, after he had given you his card. Why! Do you know that there are thousands of Can-

Monumental Ignorance

And that was the end of that. mental ignorance. I passed on sadly and sorrowfully, pondering upon the futility and contrariness of things in general. If only I could have had such an experigether and journeyed up to the city. They returned on the ence. You must remember this happened a few days before the midnight on the following Armistice, and in the stress and strain of those critical days the matter passed out of my mind. I intended at the time to write to Kipling and tell him the story as I got it, but never did so, until

Without Peer

To my mind Rudyard Kipling is lish speaking world as a writer before the public, with his story "The Light That Failed," folowed with "The Barrack Room d forms of contract can be seen are what he loves and sings of specification and forms of tender ob- best. On land or sea, in the woods at this Department, at the office or the mines, in the factories and and at the Post Offices, Van- the shops he seems with an alwill not be considered unless most uncanny knowledge to live made on printed forms supplied by the the lives of those he writes about, An Englishman of the English. Each tender must be accompanied by pure bred on both his father and IVE flitted in an aeroplane the order of the Minister of his mother's side, a brother in And paddled a cance. on will also be accepted as Stanley Baldwin. the present! And rode a camel too. British Premier, yet he is more I've even dipped in submarines than that, he is the greatest Im-Entpire today. He did not need Is good enough for me, to be dubbed poet. laureate, or

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Ballads," his works have been a of his solemn and inspiring poem family. household word almost, wherever written at the outbreak of the the English language was spoken, great war, "For all we have and WITH all their boast about make a first payment on a suit To no man living does the word are," telling the Empire what was brains, it seems as if the British of clothes. "Empire" used in it's best and before it in the titanic struggle labor party has failed when it worthiest sense convey more. The that had been thrust upon it, fit-comes to running a newspaper A NICE complexion is all right far flung outposts of Britain, tingly represent the very soul of successfully. undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for emanating from those little the man who has preached Imwharf extension and repairs, Bella Coola, islands in the North Sea, "whose perialism from his boyhood days: DID you ever hear about the

G. S. FITZMAURICE.

SAYS:-

And poled a hollow tree;

THE fat woman declares that to get over it.

she likes it because she does not

would get more beaux.

they go?

to live as long as the English anything in this city is having to getting a road built to Port Ed- ashore herself in Principe Chan-243 language lasts. The last two lines provide car fare for self and ward, some of the young people nel.

are undecided whether to buy a Ford with their spare cash or

in its place but not on a man's coat lapel.

canary so she ate bird seed? Af- we spend our Sundays is that it an office-dwelling and Boat Landing ter a while she began to moult. | takes all day Monday and sometimes Tuesday and Wednesday and specification and forms of tender of

have to give up her Turkish de- Joseph S. Rogers of the Prince Passage, B.C. Rupert By-Products Co. returned made on printed forms supplied by the from Vancouver on the Prince Bepartment and in accordance with con GIRLS have no need to imagine Rupert Saturday evening. George Each tender must be accompanied by that if they had bow legs they G. Bushby, manager of the plant, payable to the order of the Minister of came as far north as Swanson Public Works, equal Bay where he debarked and of the Dominion will also be accepted as A BRIDE and bridegroom spent boarded the salvage steamer Al- security. their honeymoon in an aeroplane, gerine bound for the wreck of the Note.-Blue pr They fell out. And where did motorship Kennecott on Graham bank cheque Island accompanying Capt. William H. Logan. The Algerine just tending bidder submit a regular bid given a title to cause his name WHAT we miss more than SINCE there is a probability of after leaving Swanson Bay went



girl who wanted to sing like a THE difficulty about the way November 2, 1923, for the construction