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Fighting Jack Fisher

Fighting Jack Fisher, the Kit-chener of the British navy, as the Admiral of the fleet is popularly known, retires to-day from the active list on reaching his seventieth birthday.

Lord Fisher of Kilverstone entered the British navy in 1854, when steam navigation was in its infancy and when ironclad ships were beginning to be thought about. He served in the Crimean war the following year, in the China war of 1859-60 and in the Egyptian war of 1882, when he commanded the famous armored train. Since then he has all the important appointments both at sea and on shore until he became First Sea Lord, an office he relinquished a year ago, and Admiral of the Fleet.

All through his career he has worked on the principle that the gun is the prime material factor of naval war. As a lieutenant he specialized in gunnery and when he became the professional head of the navy he at once directed his attention to the improvement of marksmanship. To that end he created a new office, that of inspector of target practice, to which Sir Percy Scott received the first appointment, and in 1905 for the first time the number of hits scored in the annual firing tests exceeded the misses.

Before he had been at the Admiralty three months he had altered the whole strategic front of the navy and had swung its greatest strength around from the Mediterranean to the Channel. This was but the first step in a scheme which even yet is not complete.

But Lord Fisher will also be remembered in after years as the reformer who ruthlessly and fearlessly setled the naval machine, cramped by a peace tradition of nearly one hundred years, and remodelled it to suit new need. It was he who revolutionized the training of officers and lore of the sail era.

A system was introduced under which all executive, engineer and marine officers were to start on equal terms and for four years were to be trained together. The plan provided that every future executive officer should be an engineer and every future engineer an executive officer and every future marine officer should be both until specialization began. For the early course of two years a new college was erected at Osborne, which is the finest physical science laboratories and engine shops associated with any educational establishment in Europe, and this equipment was duplicated at the Dartmouth College, to which the cadets proceed for the last two years before going to sea in a cruiser for their final training.

It was while Lord Fisher was commander in chief of the North American station that he gave his memorable answer to the question: "When does a vessel leave off being an armored cruiser and become a battleship?" The reply was: "When does a kitten become a cat?"

Lord Fisher never was a courtier, but both Queen Victoria and King Edward understood his worth. Once Queen Victoria sent for him, and asked him to be specially attentive to the French Admiral Gervais, who was about to visit England.

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jestly wishes it," said Fisher solemnly, and ever afterward the Queen was his firm friend.

Canada's Governor

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the big dominion

Two years rule

His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, the only surviving son of Victoria the Goad, brother of Edward the Peacemaker and uncle of His Majesty the King, will in September next, become Governor-General of Canada in succession to Lord Grey.

Official notification to that effect has been received by the Government.

The appointment of His Royal Highness is for two years, but it may at the end of that time be further extended. The Duke and Duchess with their suite will take up their residence at Rideau Hall in September.

It had been found that owing to the need of His Highness's presence in England as next in rank to the King in respect of official State functions pending the majority of the Prince of Wales, he could hardly be spared to Canada at present. Any difficulties in this respect have, however, not been deemed insurmountable and the original desire of the late King Edward that the importance and status of Canada as the first daughter nation of the Empire should be suitably recognized by the appointment of a foremost member of the Royal Family to represent the Crown here will be carried out.

Both because his high position and because of his own personality and unblemished record as soldier and administrator, the Duke's appointment is cordially welcomed by the Government as it will be by the people of Canada as a whole. Official intimation to that effect has been sent to His Majesty.

Pan-American Conference

Mayor Behman has been invited to the Pan-American Commercial Conference at Washington, Feb. 13-18, and special attention is called to the 315 meeting on the first day when President Taft, Secretary Knox, Senator Root, Champ Clark and President Farrell of the Steel Trust will speak.

The Pan-American Union today announced the names of several of the speakers who will participate in the discussion on the Panama Canal at the Pan-American commercial conference, which is to be held in Washington, Feb. 13-18.

The list is supposed as some of the best known trade experts of the Western Hemisphere, including Lewis Nixon, United States delegate to the Pan-American conference at Buenos Aires; Bernard N. Baker, shipbuilder; Charles M. Pepper, a trade expert of

the State Department; Frank B. Loomis, former assistant Secretary of State; James W. Porch, a prominent New Orleans business man, and Forbes Lindsay, a special writer on Latin-American subjects.

There will be a number of other speakers who will come within the trade experts class, as Director General Barret on the Pan-American Union has arranged to make the discussion on the trade possibilities of the Canal one of the features of the conference.

The German Kaiser

For the last few years the German Kaiser has been almost a teetotaler. At dinner at home in his palace he usually sips a glass of the light beer specially brewed for him, named Euerenbrau, while at regimental dinners and on other public occasions he is ordinarily supplied with a tumbler of strawberry colored liquid non-alcoholic in its nature.

His own experience of the beneficial results of temperance has evidently been favorable, and on several occasions recently he has taken the opportunity to speak of the harmful consequences of excess. A few days before Christmas he addressed a warning to the naval cadets at Murwik, in which he declared that victory in the next war would fall to the nation that habitually consumed the least alcohol.

The speech was reported very briefly, but a fuller report now published shows that the talk with the cadets was of a heart to heart kind. In its course the Kaiser admitted that drinking was an ancient inheritance of the Germans, but said it was the duty of the rising generation to abandon it, and he mentioned the fact that of all the cases of military crime which came under his notice nineteenths were due to excess in drink.

"Time was," he said, "when it was considered particularly smart and laudable for a young officer to drink, and be able to drink a great deal. As a Lieutenant I often had occasion to observe examples of this, without, however, ever following them myself.

"Those were ideas of a past time and all well in the Thirty Years War, but they are now out of date. Without dilating on the unpleasant consequences of drinking it is doubly needful to avoid the habit now when naval service imposes work on board ship of an extraordinarily exacting kind."

The cadets, the Kaiser continued, would later have to observe the effects of modern gunnery on target ships and would then perceive what terrible destruction was caused and how vital it was for them in real war to keep strong nerves and a cool head. The Kaiser concluded by calling on the cadets to show a good example to the crews and cited with approval the Good Templar movement in the British navy, which 20,000 officers and men had already joined.

A Roman Boat

Sir Lawrence Gome, clerk to the London County Council, has been making research into the history to the Roman boat recently discovered during the digging of the foundations of the new county hall at Westminster Bridge. The results of his research are interesting.

"No other such find has been made in Britain," he writes, "and the boat thus possesses an interest greater even than that attaching to the clinker built boat of King Alfred's time discovered at Walthamstow a few years ago."

A coin of Allectus, which was found in the boat, points to its date being about 293-296 A. D. and its condition and position seem to show that it was destroyed in a conflict that took place where Westminster Bridge now stands.

The episode which probably led to its destruction was the defeat of Allectus, the successor of Carausius. Carausius rebelled toward the end of the third century, took possession of Britain and assumed the imperial purple. It is believed that it was he who created the first British fleet.

Among the articles found in or near the boat were five bronze coins, fragments of pottery, three gaming buttons, two British spearheads and five horseshoes. Portions of leather footwear were studded with iron nails very similar to those used by the British workman to-day.

The remains of the boat are being preserved by treatment with glycerine, but it has been found impossible to prevent considerable shrinkage and loss of weight.

Current News.

The United Fruit Company's steamer "Parimita" left this port on Wednesday for Colon and through the courtesy of the agent we are in position to give a list of the passengers she took. For Boca: Rev. M. Stagnoli, For New Orleans: Mrs. John Bartlett, W. T. Roberts, For Colon: W. H. Mason, James Christian A. L. Sasso, L. Fraser, J. Robles, E. Robles, J. Roles, G. Robles, E. Robles, M. L. Jacobs, Elias A. Robles, Bertia A. Robles, V. A. Robles, F. A. Robles, N. A. Robles, For Jamaica: C. V. Lindo and 5 deckers for Jamaica and Colon.

The s.s. "Sibiria" of the Hamburg American Line of Steamers came into port early yesterday morning. The usual quantity of persons assembled on dock to welcome the arrival of their friends and relatives while others curious to see whether any one had come down that they knew. The vessel had an uneventful voyage. She brought many cabin and deck passengers. Below we give the following: From New York: J. M. Pressley, Bromley, A. B. Weaver and Tito Vargas. From Colon: A. B. Benson, T. W. Lewis, Elizabeth Mitchell, H. H. Onas, Isabella Walker, Miguel Casal, A. Maduro, J. R. Crichton, Mrs. J. McKenzie, Mrs. A. Hart, Mrs. L. Allen, J. A. Strauky, Mrs. Strauky. From Boca: R. Gutierrez, H. Watts, C. Fisher, H. L. Mignott, Geo. Cornick, G. Zeldin. In transit for Colon: John Solovy. For New York: Miss S. Boles, For Kingston: Mr and Mrs Sachs and 110 deckers from Kingston, Jamaica and Colon.

The s.s. "Esparta" of U. F. Co.'s line will leave here this evening at 9 o'clock for Boca del Toro with a party of gentlemen connected with the United Fruit Company. The vessel will carry mails and deck passengers.

Dr. Staggall was on Wednesday summoned by the Agente de Policia to give

evidence in the matter of the Government against Dr. (J.) Evans for the supposed sale and supply of medicine to a woman named Ellen Campbell, contrary to the laws of the republic. Dr. Evans not being permitted to practice medicine in the republic.

The s.s. "Parimita" is expected early this morning from Colon with mails and she will again leave in the evening for New Orleans with mails and passengers and a large cargo of bananas for New Orleans.

We are pleased to learn from a reliable source that the sloop Victory and crew that was reported lost off Bluefields is incorrect. The vessel has safely reached her destination after encountering bad weather.

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There is only one way I can make it sound right—
That is this: I must constantly find
That whenever, my dear, you are out of
my sight,
Why, then, I am out of my mind!"

New animal

Rumors of the discovery of hitherto unknown animal in Central Africa by Dr. Treouvassant prompted the eminent naturalist Richard Lydekker to write to him. Dr. Treouvassant sent in reply a copy of the Paris scientific journal *Nature*, in which this appears: "We have just obtained additional information of a mysterious animal inhabiting the lakes of Central Africa. The natives call it a water elephant on account of its aquatic habits.

"M. le Petit, one of the explorers sent by the Paris Museum of Natural History, informs me he is at Tombamayi on the northern shore of Lake Leopold, in the Belgian Congo. Five of these animals halted at a distance of 500 yards from Le Petit, enabling him to observe them for some seconds before they plunged into the lake. The trunk and ears are remarkably short. The neck is longer than the elephant's. The height does not exceed about six feet. There were signs of tusks.

"The animal's footprints in the mud were very different from an elephant's. The natives readily distinguished them. The animals, catching sight of the traveller, plunged into the water, leaving only the summits of their heads and their trunks exposed. They swam to the opposite shore.

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