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BATTLE HYMN For the BRITISH EMPIRE

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The Battle Hymn of the Republic by Julia Ward Howe, universally sung and marched to by the Northern soldiers expresses the sentiments and attitude of the British Empire in the present war of attrition against Germany this Christmastide.

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fatal lightning of His terrible swift sword,
His Truth is marching on.

I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps;
They have builded him an altar in the evening dews and damps;
I have read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps;
His Day is marching on.

I have read a fiery gospel writ in burnished rows of steel:
"As ye deal with My contemner, so with you My grace shall deal":
Let the Hero born of woman crush the serpent with His heel,
Since God is marching on.

He hath sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His Judgment-seat;
O, be swift, my soul, to answer Him: be jubilant, my feet;
Our God is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born, across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;
As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free!
While God is marching on.

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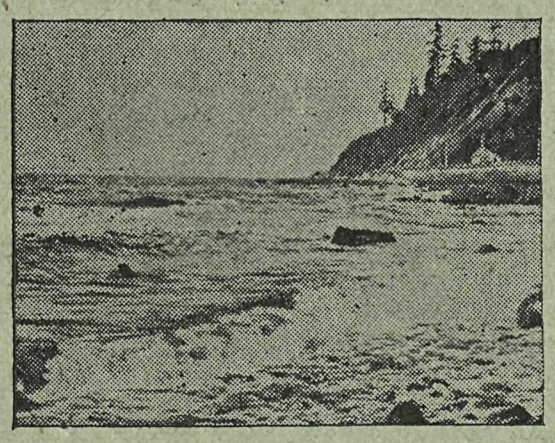

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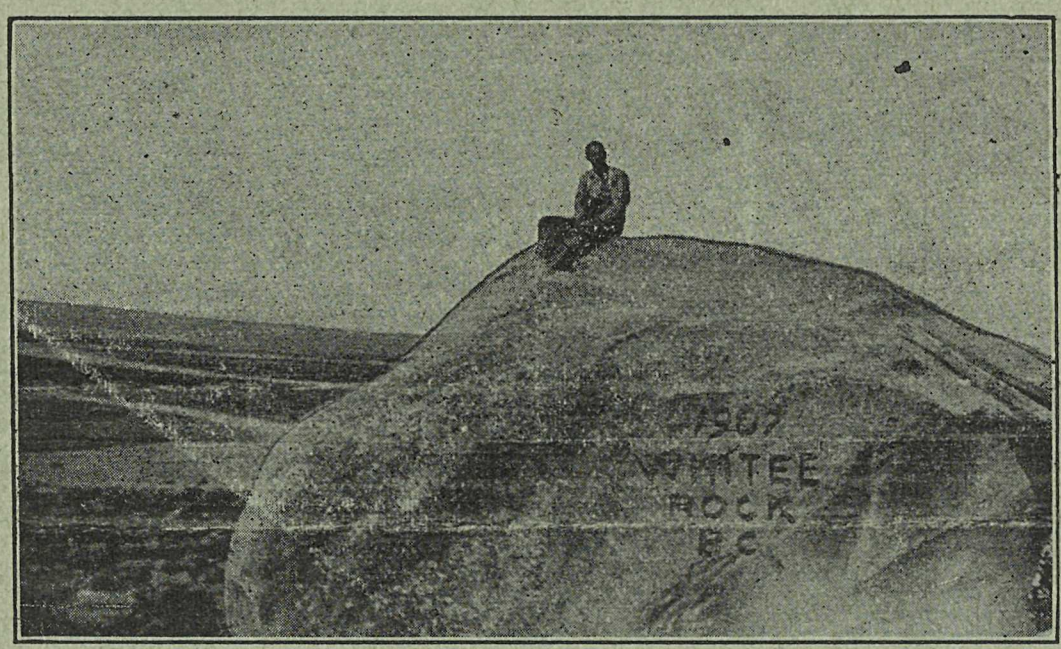

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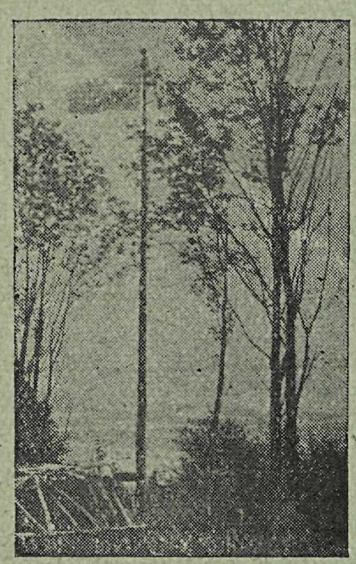

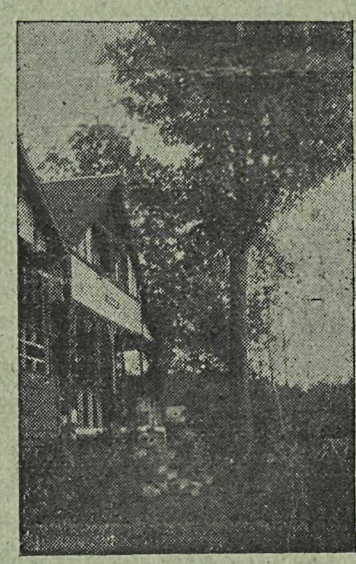

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Who asks what the Navy is doing?
Who asks what the Navy has done?
It has saved our Land from invasion,
at the hand of the merciless Hun—
It has guarded our shores (Oh, ye faithless!) from the tramp of the murderous horde—
It has shielded our home from destruction, by fire, by shell and by sword!

Our cruisers have swept the vast oceans, that our breadstuffs, our food and our stores,
May be brought by our traders securely, and landed in peace on our shores.
They have convoyed our armies in safety, to fields of incomparable fame—
They have brought them from Eastward and Westward, to battle in Britain's name.

What, because the great ships of our Navy are silent, unseen in their might,
Do you think of them idling in daytime? Do you picture them anchored at night?
Why, there's never an hour, nor minute when their grip is released of the foe—
Though they're threatened with dangers all round them, with the treachery of mines from below.

This our Navy has done and is doing,
all this it will do to the end,
Till the might of the enemy's broken,
and his arrogance made to unbend—
Till the wrongs of the weak whom he trampled, whose cities he gave to the sword,
Are recompensed fully and justly, and Freedom and Peace are restored!

—J. E. H.

LITANY FOR THE ARMY AND NAVY.

God of our fathers, at Whose call
We now before Thy footstool fall,
In this dark hour we plead with Thee
For Britain's sons on land and sea.

If wounded in the dreadful fray,
Be Thou their comfort and their stay,
If dying, may they in their pain
Behold the Lamb for sinners slain.
In this dark hour we plead with Thee
For Britain's sons on land and sea.

And soon, O Blessed Prince of Peace,
Bring in the days when war shall cease,

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