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Allied Airmen's Successful Raid On Dusseldorf

Successful Air Raid

London, Feb. 11.—A despatch to the Daily Telegraph from Rotterdam reports a successful air raid by the Allies over Dusseldorf. According to the correspondent, the Germans anticipating such a raid, recently constructed secret store houses some distance away from the arsenal. The raiders succeeded in locating these new stores and destroyed them by the dropping of bombs which set them on fire.

British Casualties Since War Began

London, Feb. 11.—Premier Asquith, speaking in the House of Commons, said that British casualties in all ranks in the western arena of the war from the beginning of the war to February 4, amounted to approximately 104,000 men. This includes wounded and missing.

Bonds Shipped Back

Geneva, via Paris, Feb. 11.—A second consignment of bonds, stocks and scrip sent here from Paris for safe keeping soon after the Germans invaded France, have been shipped back to the French capital in a strongly guarded car. The value of the shipment was estimated at between \$500,000,000 and \$600,000,000.

Cannon Fire Effective

Paris, Feb. 11.—A despatch from Dunkirk received by the Havas News Agency says that a German aeroplane which yesterday flew over Dunkirk, was later brought down by cannon fire.

Seydlitz Very Badly Smashed

Rotterdam, Feb. 11.—The Derflinger and the Seydlitz, two of the German battle cruisers engaged in the recent North Sea fight, are now in the docks at Hamburg. The Kaiser, who went there especially to see the damage done to the vessels, gave orders that the Derflinger must be got ready for sea again in six weeks. For this purpose 1500 men are now working on her day and night. The damage to the Seydlitz is so extensive that it will take ten weeks to repair her.

Apparently to keep up the enthusiasm in the Fatherland, in the meantime, the German illustrated papers publish a drawing of the suppositious torpedoing of the Lion by a German destroyer at a short range.

Enemy's Attack Repulsed by Bayonet

Paris, Feb. 11.—Official—During the nights of February 9 and 10 the Allies blew up three series of mines at La Basselle and succeeded in occupying the excavations made. The enemy delivered a vigorous counter-attack which was repulsed with the bayonet.

In Argonne there has been artillery firing and bomb throwing on all sides, particularly in the region of Bolante and Bagatelle. According to the latest advices it is reported that the Germans have delivered a very violent but fruitless attack on the fortifications of Marie Therese.

In Lorraine, at la Lisiere, east of Forest of Parroy, and to north of that forest our advance post have repulsed an attack by the enemy. A minor action to northeast of Manonviller, is reported in a communication just issued. The action ended in the pursuit of the Germans by the Hussars. In Vosges at La Fontainelle (Ban De Sapt) an attack by the enemy has been checked.

Enemy's Aircraft Destroyed

Paris, Feb. 11.—A semi-official note says: "In the region of Cagny one of our aviators has destroyed a German signal balloon. A hostile aeroplane was brought to earth near Verdun and the pilot, Lieutenant von Hidelu, made prisoner. It was this pilot that in September threw bombs on Paris and scattered proclamations advising the Parisians to surrender.

Prisoners Must Work

Amsterdam, via London, Feb. 11.—Prisoners of war in Germany will be used to carry on agricultural work under a decision of the military authorities, according to the Telegraaf. It has been decided, the paper says, to place groups of from 80 to 100 prisoners at the disposition of farmers. These men must be lodged and fed by those for whom they work and a stipend of ten pfennig (2 1-2 cents) a day will be paid. The authorities are said to have urged farmers to take advantage of this opportunity as the economic welfare of the country is dependent upon the production of large crops.

Turkish Forts Shelled

London, Feb. 11.—Allies torpedo boats bombarded the Turkish forts in the Dardanelles. 174 shells were fired and two ammunition depots destroyed.

German Submarines Take Refuge In Norwegian Ports

London, Feb. 12.—"Word has reached here from Christiania," says the Daily News correspondent at Copenhagen, "that during the recent heavy weather in the North Sea, German submarines arrived at Trondhiem, Bergen, Stavanger and other Norwegian ports. All of them were badly damaged and their crews were on the verge of exhaustion.

Norwegian patrol cruisers escorted the craft into port, where they were immediately informed that they must leave within twenty-four hours. All of them succeeded in getting to sea within the given time.

Germans Massing In East Prussia

Petrograd, Feb. 12.—The following communication has been received from the general staff: "It has been definitely established that the Germans are concentrating very great force in East Prussia. These forces have commenced an offensive movement which they are developing especially in the direction of Wilkowyski, north of Augustow, and Lyck. The presence of units composed of new recruits from central Germany is reported. Our troops, keeping the enemy in check, are retiring from the Manzurian Lakes towards the front.

Jottings of Bella Coola and District

The S. S. Chelohsin arrived about noon on Wednesday with a number of passengers and a considerable amount of freight. After discharging at the government wharf she proceeded to the cannery across the bay, where she took on a large quantity of salmon.

J. Pask of Vancouver, came up this week and is taking a look over the place.

The list of passengers leaving this place by the last south-bound steamer was a rather lengthy one, but when it is understood that these people are either visiting relatives in different parts or merely making short business trips to the city any doubts as to the desirability of Bella Coola valley as a place of residence will be quickly dispelled.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Hanson are making an extended visit to friends in the States. They also intend to take in the great exhi-

Heavy Fighting In Alsace

Geneva, Feb. 12.—The most violent artillery duel that has occurred since the beginning of the war, was commenced yesterday as the result of a severe battle. The exodus of German families from Mulhausen, Kolmar and Strassburg has begun. American students and school-children who remained in German universities and schools at the wish of their parents, despite the war, are now being recalled. A large number of scholars from Munich and Dresden passed through Geneva last night on their way to Paris.

British Airman Scores

London, Feb. 12.—The Daily Mail's Rotterdam correspondent says he has learnt officially that thirty-five German soldiers were killed, several wounded, and considerable damage done to one of the forts at Antwerp by bombs dropped by a British airman last Friday.

Germans Plan to Withdraw From Lodz

London, Feb. 12. Telegraphing from Petrograd the Daily Chronicle correspondent says: There are strong indications that the Germans are planning to withdraw from Lodz. All stores of wool have been removed from the factories and sent to Germany.

the clearing of land for agricultural purposes. The installation of a saw-mill will eliminate such waste and prove a great incentive to those who have been loth to sacrifice good timber in order to clear up a ranch.

A welcome innovation is to come into effect throughout the valley the beginning of next month with the inauguration of the system of rural postal delivery. The post offices in the valley are far apart and many settlers have for years been put to considerable inconvenience and loss of time through being compelled to make frequent trips of many miles to the nearest post office. The mail boxes are expected to arrive shortly when the final arrangements will be completed.

The long awaited fall of snow has not yet arrived and it would now seem as though we were to have no real winter weather this season. With the shrubs budding and the sun getting stronger every day it looks like an early spring. While no one is complaining at the mildness of the winter yet there are those whom a fall of snow would greatly benefit, especially the local saw-mills who are experiencing great difficulty in getting in a sufficient supply of logs to meet the coming season's demand.

Late arrivals from the interior report an exceptionally mild winter with only about ten inches of snow. Cattle and horses are still rustling out in the Anaham Lake district and are in excellent condition. Fur is very plentiful and although trapping is not being carried on to any great extent owing to the low price of fur, there have been some very good catches made up to now, and it is probable that some big lots will reach Bella Coola in the spring.

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Mr. S. Colborne of the Saloomt Valley, visited town during the week. He reports that the settlers in that quarter are taking full advantage of the mild weather to vigorously pursue the arduous task of clearing their ranches.

Fishermen Organize

A meeting of the Bella Coola fishermen was held at Hagensborg early in the week for the purpose of organizing a Fisherman's Union. The suggestion was received with considerable favor and substantial progress was made. It was arranged that another meeting should be held in the near future when a complete organization will be effected.

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As far as basketball is concerned the representatives of Bella Coola have been forced to take a back seat. The time was when the Hagensborg team was "duck soup" for the town boys, but Monday's game proved that unless they can soon show greatly improved form, that time will only remain as a pleasant memory. On Monday, the people who congregated at the Colony Hall saw a good game, albeit somewhat onesided. For Hagensborg R. Saugstad and J. Nygaard did excellent work and were responsible for the majority of the points scored. Ed. Grant for the losers played a fine game and deserved better support. The final score, 26 to 13 in favor of Hagensborg is a fair indication of the trend of the play.

After the basketball game a clever exhibition of boxing was given by the brothers Vincent and Davenport Clayton, followed by an extremely interesting and novel performance by Messrs. Frank Hagan and Jim Hoage. Here was seen a clever representation of the Johnson-Jeffries contest, showing the respective systems of training and weight-reducing exercises. The contest which followed was full of interest, both men showing considerable speed and cleverness. Poor Jeffries, of course, had to accept defeat whether he wished to or not, but his showing in the opening rounds elicited lively applause. Jim Hoage, as the "big smoke" gave a capital exhibition, while F. Hagan, as "Jeffries" was unfortunate in having to belie his well known reputation as a stayer.

Church Notice

Sunday School - 10:45 a. m.
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SATURDAY, FEB. 13, 1915.

A Reply to Mr. Lindsell's Letter.

At last one local Conservative has mustered up courage sufficient to come back at the Courier with a letter over his own signature. We regret that our correspondent should have any doubt regarding whether his communication would be published, in this, at least, he does us an injustice.

"Indiscriminate abuse" is a hard term and we deny its rightful application to the attitude of this paper towards the McBride government or its local supporters. As to "mud slinging", we do not and will not indulge in it. What we have said we are prepared to verify. Our columns have always been open to a denial, by any local Conservative, of any of the matters we have brought to the public notice. If, as Mr. Lindsell says, they do not think these charges worth while refuting, then why bother about them. We cannot, however, refrain from expressing our pleasure in knowing that, according to Mr. Lindsell, the Conservative party has always had an answer ready, and suggest that it might be well to use it before they forget it.

We have never asserted that the Conservative clubs "juggle with the public funds," but we have said and say again that "their sole efforts seem to be directed to the parcelling out of public money."

We have seen a list of the needs of the valley, compiled by the Conservative club, showing the amount of money to be spent here and there. We have authentic information as regards the earnest discussion in the club meetings regarding the appointment of men to spend these various sums. This we call "parcelling out," but if Mr. Lindsell prefers the term "juggling" then we leave to him the free use of the word. As for being "seekers after paltry offices" we find them seeking more keenly for important ones. We do not mean to say that all the club members are seeking offices, of course we know that there are unfortunately not enough to go around.

"Peddlers of petty appointments." We ask Mr. Lindsell who does peddle the appointments if not the Conservative

club? Yes, Sir, and to their supporters only. Let Mr. Lindsell understand that we are not ignorant of what we speak. We know these things and can verify them if we are challenged to mention names. Our surprise is that Mr. Lindsell, until recently secretary of the organization, should himself plead ignorance of these things. As for aspersing the character of any persons, we wish to say that while we know that we are speaking the truth, we cannot help it if we are compelled to tread on somebody's toes. Let them deal with public affairs in a public manner, and remember that those who are not members of the Conservative club still have rights. It is the rights of such that the Courier is out to protect, for they need to be protected, and in this we are determined to hew to the line, let the chips fall where they may. The fact that our government, as Mr. Lindsell is pleased to write, is doing the best it can is no argument that it is doing at all well, nor does it signify in the least that another government could not do much better.

The fact is that Mr. Lindsell, like many other Conservatives, entirely ignores the rights of the minority. All persons not being members of the Conservative club are kept in the dark as to public matters "for the very good reason that the party prefers to be judged by the results it achieves, rather than proclaim abroad its aims, before they have been attained."

This means then, that unless a person is a member of the club, he has no right to know for what purpose the taxpayers money is to be spent, or what improvements are contemplated in his district. Extend this to the legislative assembly where our representatives meet, and imagine the government denying such information to members of the opposition. Mr. Lindsell is a loyal British subject and must know that such treatment of a minority is not, according to British traditions. Then, when the Conservatives have spent the public's money and achieved results in no way commensurate with the expenditure, we must

silence or be accused of "general vilification."

"Substantial and permanent." Surely Mr. Lindsell does not intend this to apply to the several bridges which have at different times been constructed across the Nootsatsum river only to be washed away in the course of a few months. Nor yet to work on parts of the road, abandoned a few months later. We do not even believe that Mr. Lindsell is proud of the crib work on the Necleetsconny River below the bridge, which so protects the site of the jail that it only floods to the depth of about three feet. We do not think that work is substantial and we sincerely trust it is not permanent.

Mr. Lindsell seems to forget himself. Perhaps he wishes to insult us. Whatever his motive, we regret that he has seen fit to depart from the truth. We emphatically deny, Sir, that we have ever asserted the Conservative party to be "vile wretches," and deeply resent the imputation. Fight fair, Sir, or get out of the ring. The Courier and the Liberal party have fought fair. Liberal meetings are open to the public. Liberals have invited you and other Conservatives to discussion on public matters, but you have steadfastly refused to come out in the open. You admit that the work of the Conservative club, which largely concerns the expenditure of public funds, is kept secret from all non-members, and you get vexed when you are asked why?

It is true, that at the time of organization, an invitation was extended to all local men to interest themselves in the Courier as a local undertaking, but that time is long past.

Mr. Lindsell does not appear to be at all well informed respecting the workings of the local Conservative club, and we advise him to "get wise" before again committing himself in print.

There are signs and they are pretty definite signs, that British Columbia is coming to the end of the regime of high finance in which the government has sold all the tremendous mineral wealth,



the great forest wealth and the agricultural lands, that it could get rid of, for ready cash, and has mortgaged everything else up to the hilt, says the Montreal Witness. To be sure, quite recently the government raised a loan of two million seven hundred thousand dollars in New York, paying four and a half per cent. at ninety-eight, not a bad price in view of money conditions, but the borrowing, selling and mortgaging cannot go on indefinitely. Very soon the most of the presently merchantable assets of the province will have been parted with to capitalists, and British Columbia, which had more natural wealth than any other province of the Dominion, will find itself short of funds without having attracted to itself a population sufficient to maintain its revenue by taxes. There is trouble ahead, and it is not going to be a sinecure for the government that follows that of Sir Richard McBride.

Mr. W. H. Hayward, M.P.P., a member of the Commission on agriculture, speaking in the provincial legislature is reported as saying: "But if soldiers were wanted badly now, there was another set of men as badly wanted—producers. From 1901 to 1911 the total increase in agricultural production in British Columbia was 4 per cent. per capita, in Canada 24 per cent. and in America 32 per cent." Mr. Hayward added that he could not see why the province could not adopt a policy for all time of land settlement and production instead of land speculation, one of the greatest curses of any country. Yet Mr. Lucas, also a member of the same commission, says "Still the province is not lagging behind."

Editor, Bella Coola Courier.
Sir,—I have lately been reading a leading article in your issue of January 30th, and although it is doubtful whether such a rabidly partisan paper as yours will

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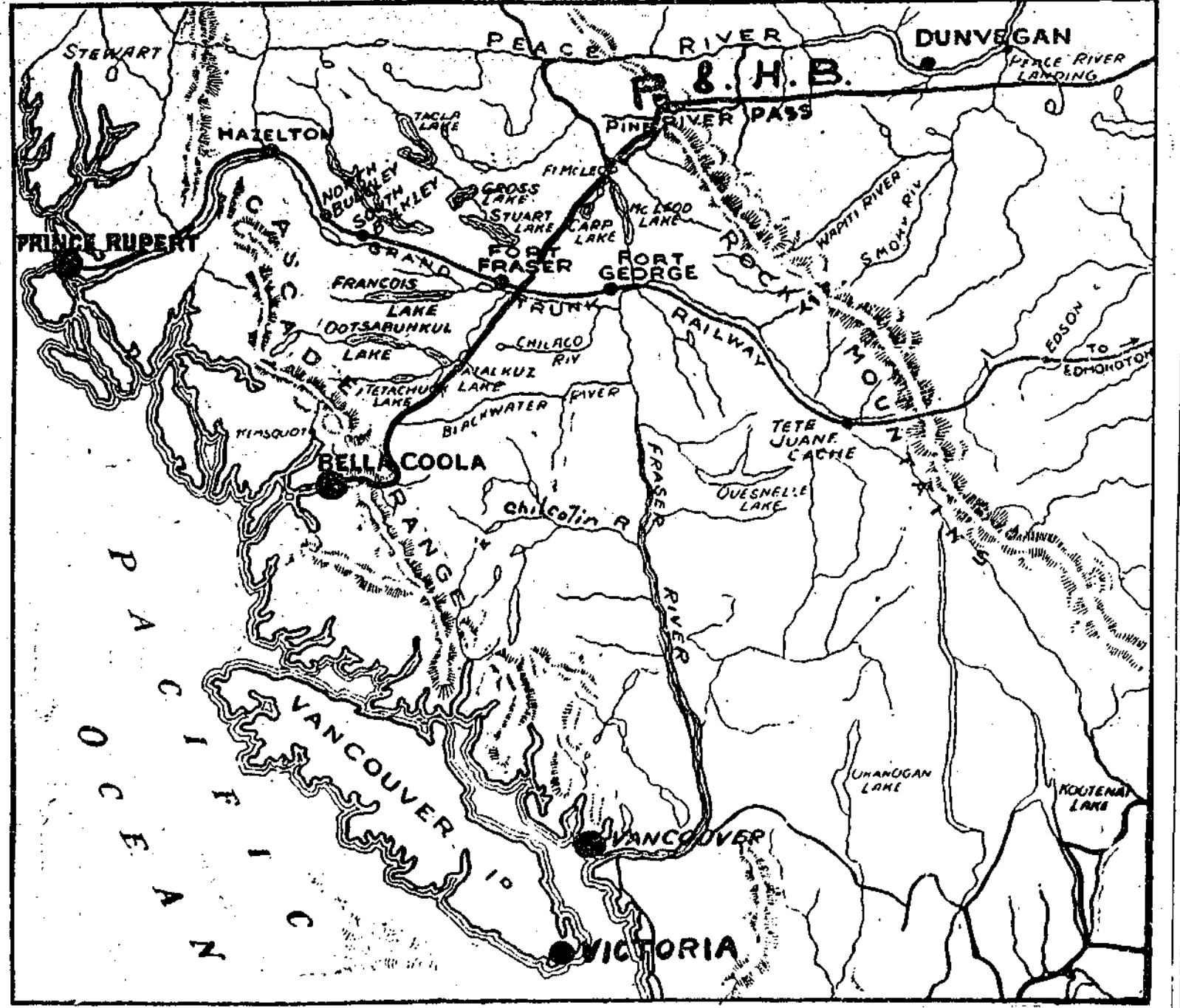
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A descriptive series by our soldier correspondent, Archie D. Darlington, late of Shushartie Bay, B. C.

I am hoping that my previous letters have reached you all right and without interference. The censorship is very strict these days. As to choice of words and better phrasing, I beg to be excused on the ground that active service does not allow time for such.

There has been a lull—an interval of weak attacks and desultory skirmishing all along the fighting line, and many of the troops have been permitted to enjoy a short holiday and have come direct from the trenches to spend Christmas in their homes; also a goodly number of the New Army have been back to appreciate the Yule fires.

Christmas, 1914, was memorable and peculiar. Cheerful enough, but not quite so festive as heretofore, and with a sad

quietude. The dominating khaki note gave, if anything, an added romance to the ancient green of holly and mistletoe. "Make the children happy!" and "Be good to the Belgian exiles!" were the principles in every home.

On the days immediately following the 25th an observer at a certain provincial railway depot would have witnessed thrilling scenes. For ten or fifteen minutes before the advent of a south-bound train, there has been a steady muster of soldiers and their friends: sweethearts, wives, parents, brothers and sisters, perhaps bidding good-bye to the fighting men for the last time. The station becomes packed with humanity, and civilian travellers are of little importance, but smiling and courteous withal. Who cares for a little inconvenience,

a trifling delay, this is a soldiers Christmas! And these soldiers, so soon to be under fire, are all that matters. The train at last; of inordinate length it steams slowly in, and when it is at a standstill the men crowd the compartments. A kiss, a hug or a handgrip and Good-bye! Some women are crying, children are waving their little hands, other women are smiling bravely. There is a long, tense moment as the train at first moves slowly and gathers speed. Then a waving mass of hats, sticks and handkerchiefs, and a prolonged roar—a typically British cheer which the men will recall to reinforce their courage in the darkest days—and the train is gone.

Yet, still if mothers are weeping and sweethearts are sorrowing, Tommy Atkins has a lion heart and an "always merry and bright" motto which will carry him beyond the Rhine and endure until the bayonets of Greater Britain gleam in Potsdam and the lances of Hindustan ride in the streets of Berlin. A story is told by an Irish lady, a nun from the desolated town of Ypres. Fourteen nuns were in an underground retreat with fifty refugees; amid the roar of shot and shell and the crash of falling tenements, choked with acrid smoke, prostrated almost with grief and horror at the spectacle of carnage and death in the burning town, praying for succor. To them it seemed the end had come. "From all evil Good Lord deliver us!" We had prayed like that for days. "When would the British come?" At the moment when hope had nearly gone, then, suddenly, we heard voices singing—in English! My heart nearly stopped. I could just make out the words: "Here we are, here we are. Here we are again!"

There is nothing morbid about Tommy's singing, nothing sad or sentimental in his marching ditties. To Berlin, anywhere you please, but not to the strains of "Rule Britannia!" Up the shell-torn slopes and through the belching batteries, but not by the inspiration of a "La Marseillaise." Not a little ragtime melody, "Who's your lady friend?" "Where the wind blows, we'll go", or the famous "Tipperary" are better suited to his temperament.

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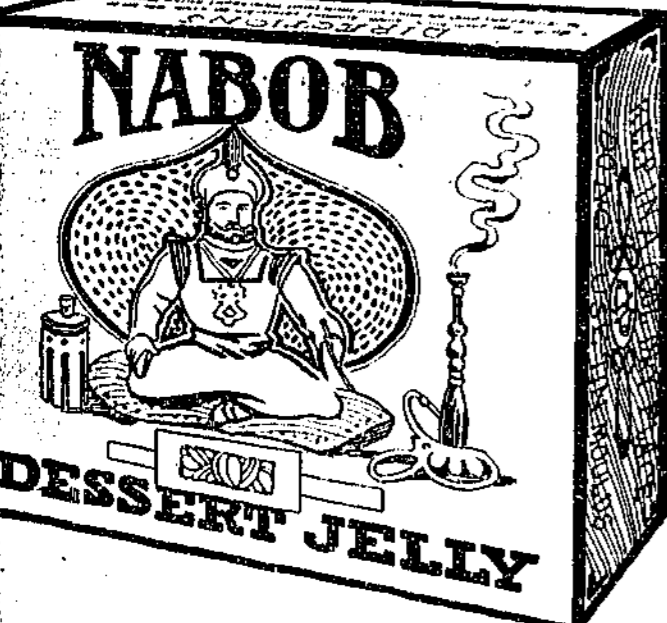


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