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German Navy Badly Crippled—Allies Victorious

Germans New Campaign Begins

Coming Battle Will Influence Southern Campaign

Petrograd, Jan. 29.—There are many evidences that the opening stage of the new campaign which has been forced on Germany by the crisis in Hungary, will be a great battle north of the Carpathians. The Germans have spread very large forces across an eighty mile front, covering the outlets from the passes. Eastward from Dukla they have developed some advance during the last three days, but this is causing no anxiety as it is the process which the Russians have induced them to go through twice lately when they met with defeat each time. The best success to the Russians in the Carpathians has hitherto been gained by drawing the enemy's forces forword from the dense woods into the open country sloping towards Galicia. This coming battle must greatly influence the entire southern campaign as far as Servia and Transylvania. It is of infinitely more importance than the constant collisions in central Poland, which is, for the time being, the least important factor in the whole Russian campaign.

The initial stage of the battle has been strongly in favor of the Russians. The Austrians, who had gathered a strong force near the outlet of Casliska pass, were subjected to a determined attack by the Russians and suffered heavy losses. The fighting begins to reveal the fatal defects that were responsible for the numerous Austrian defeats in the early period of the Galician campaign. The men enter battle with good discipline and up to a point fight stubbornly, but when battle is prolonged into third or fourth day entire divisions throw up the sponge and the idea of surrender becomes infectious.

Assaults Have Ceased

London, Jan. 28.—An Amsterdam despatch says: "According to Vienna reports the Russian assaults on Przemysl have practically ceased. There are five thousand Russian prisoners in the fortress."

No Imperial Conference

Ottawa, Jan. 28.—According to an Ottawa despatch in the Montreal Gazette, no Imperial conference will be held this year, in spite of the fact that such a suggestion has been made recently in London. "It is understood," says the Gazette, "that there will be no demand on the part of Canada that such a conference which would undoubtedly deal with the improvement in the status of the self-governing Dominions be held in the present condition of affairs."

German Submarine Rammed

Harwich, Jan. 28.—A report is current here tonight that another success has rewarded the vigilance of the British fleet in the North Sea. The story is that two destroyers when near the German coast on Sunday last sighted the periscope of a hostile submarine, it being apparently the intention of the latter to attack one of the British ships. The commander of the destroyer boldly charged the submarine. The members of the crew of the destroyer believe that the submarine was rammed as they state that a large quantity of oil rose to the surface of the sea.

Australian Cruiser Sinks German Ship

London, Jan. 28—A Melbourne despatch to Reuter's Telegram Company states that an Australian cruiser captured and sank a supply ship which had been acting as an auxiliary for German cruisers. The officers and men of the German ship are prisoners aboard the cruiser.

Gun of Great Range

Amsterdam, Jan. 28.—A German military newspaper announces that a new naval gun of sixteen calibre and with a range of twenty-five miles has been created.

German Cruiser Kolberg Reported Sunk

Enemy's Aircraft Attacks Own Ship

London, Jan. 28.—An official statement says: "The German cruiser Kolberg is reported to have been sunk in Sunday's battle in the North Sea. The Kolberg is a third class cruiser of 4,252 tons, a sister ship of the Mainz which was sunk by Vice-Admiral Beatty's fleet in the battle of Heligoland Bight. Her armament consisted of twelve 4-in. and four 2-in. guns. Her speed was 25.5 knots and she carried a crew of 379."

An account of the naval battle appearing today in the Daily Mail, says: "At the close of the action the Derflinger disappeared from view with her funnel shot away and blazing from stem to stern. The Moltke was in no better plight and the Seydlitz was completely awash astern. According to a statement by German prisoners, a German aircraft mistook the sinking Bluecher for a British ship and hastened her end by dropping bombs on her."

Warned of German Coup

London, Jan. 28—It is reported here that the British warships near New York have been warned to watch for a German coup to liberate the interned Hamburg-American steamships by having them make a dash for the open sea.

Only Four German Big Cruisers Left

Germany started the war with ten armored cruisers of modern type, that is, built within ten years. These were: Bleucher, Goeben, Scharnhorst, Gneisnau, Moltke, Derflinger, Seyditz, Kaiserin Augusta, Von Der Tann, Hertha and Lutzow. Of these the Goeben is somewhere in the Bosphorous, in a damaged condition; the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau were sunk in the battle off the Falkand Islands; the Bleucher and possibly another cruiser were destroyed in the North Sea while a third was seriously damaged. Germany has only four battle cruisers left, and battle cruisers, in every naval battle of the war, so far, have proven their value.

C. N. R. Arranges Loan

Ottawa, Jan. 28.—It is stated that the Canadian Northern Railway has borrowed $2,000,000 through the Fidelity Trust Company, Philadelphia, at 5 per cent. The security given is on the rolling stock of the company. All the money is to be paid in instalments of $105,000, at intervals of six months.

Predict War Soon to End

London, Jan. 28.—It is predicted in the leading financial circles here, that the war will end much sooner than is commonly believed owing to the inability of Germany to stand the financial strain. Next May is being mentioned as the probable date of Germany's collapse.

London, Jan. 28.—An agreement was signed in London today for a loan of $5,000,000 to Rumania.

Fierce Fighting in Northern France

Kaiser's Personal Plans Fail

Paris, Jan. 29.—After having concentrated large forces between La Basse and Festhubert, says despatch from Saint Omer, the Germans attempted to break through the lines of the Allies in an effort to capture Bethune. The attack commenced early in the morning, the enemy's infantry being strongly supported by artillery and armored trains. Five attempts were made to pierce the Allied lines, but all were unsuccessful. The Germans even advanced as far as the church in Givenchy-Les-Labasse, but were driven back. Fierce bayonet fights were incidents of the battle and the loss of life was very heavy. The streets of Vermilies, Gyksmit, Junchy and the neighboring villages were covered with the dead bodies of German soldiers. According to the statement of several prisoners, this attack was planned several days before, Emperor William himself going to La Basse to study the disposition of his troops.

This is a decided victory for our troops who only lost about a third as many men as the enemy. Many prisoners were taken.

Turks Resume Offensive

Petrograd, January 29.—The Turks, who since the reverses they sustained a month ago at Sari Kamysh and Ardahan have been more or less inactive, are again taking the offensive at three widely seperated points, namely: in Tehoruk district, Olti and Khor. Military observers claim to see in this activity the elaboration of the German program of a stronger offensive throughout the Carpathian front.

Jottings of Bella Coola and District

S. S. Chelohsin arrived in port about midnight on Wednesday, bringing a large number of passengers.

Road-superintendent R. O. Jennings is in town on one of his periodical visits. Mr. A. H. Tomlinson, provincial horticulturist, and Mr. Ramsay, live stock expert, are here on business with our local farmers, and are at present the guests of Mr. S. Le C. Grant of Aytoun farm, at which place the government experimental plot is located.

Inspector of schools Gower, is making his annual visit to the various schools throughout the valley.

Mr. Hughes from Victoria, arrived by the last steamer from the south and will spend some time in town as the guest of Dr. Bavis whose brother-in-law he is.

Mr. Mosley of Hazelton is here for the purpose of looking over some local property with a view to purchase.

The number of those from Bella Coola who have joined the colors continues to grow. John Scott, lately employed by the local cannery is now serving in the British navy.

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Some time ago the question of approaching our Dominion representative on the matter of a reduction in the telegraphic rate between this place and Prince Rupert, was brought to the attention of the late secretary of the Bella Coola Conservative Association by the management of this paper. The matter was duly brought before a meeting of the association and H. S. Clements, M.P., was written on the matter.

We are now pleased to announce that Mr. Clements has stated that the said rates will be shortly reduced from $2.25 to $1. We would mention that this important and welcome information reaches us through Mr. R. O. Jennings who may justly be considered as being possessed of authentic information on this as on other governmental matters.

Mr. Jennings reports that he is also busily engaged in an endeavor to secure a better steamboat connection between this port and Prince Rupert. Mr. English, manager for the Draney Fisheries Ltd. at Namu, has promised to afford ample and proper accommodation to passengers north-bound. Mr. Jennings who will shortly visit Vancouver has kindly promised to use his best endeavors towards arranging with the Union S. S. Co. to have their steamers make proper and regular connections at Namu, so saving intending passengers to and from the north any unreasonable loss of time in waiting for connections.

NOTICE.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Bella Coola Telephone, Light and Power Company, will be held at the Colony Hall, Hagensborg, on Saturday, February 6th, at 1:30 p. m.

The cruiser Charles Todd of the Indian department returned to port on Sunday after a short cruise to Bella Bella and Rivers Inlet.

A long felt want has been supplied in the opening up of a restaurant in the premises known locally as the Fosback Building. The enterprising persons are Mr. and Mrs. Bert Thommeson to whom we offer our best wishes for success.

Those interested in ice-hockey should not fail to attend the game to be held this afternoon at the rink adjacent to Aytoun farm. The rivallry between the local teams is becoming intense and an excellent exhibition can be expected.

W. H. Mackay of Hagensborg, visited town on Wednesday on business. He reports that the work of clearing the land around the Colony Hall has been commenced and that already the site presents a very altered appearance. The sawmills are anxiously looking forward to a fall of snow to facilitate the work of getting in the supply of logs for the coming season's cut. Land clearing is being vigorously pursued in some quarters, the weather being exceptionally suited to such work.

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The annual meeting of the Bella Coola Athletic Association took place at the Colony Hall, Hagensborg, on Saturday 23rd inst., president T. P. Saugstad occupying the chair. The chief business was the election of officers for the ensuing year which resulted as follows: President, T. P. Saugstad, re-elected; vice-president, J. C. Hoage; secretary-treasurer, Randolph Saugstad; auditor, Ivor Nygaard; manager of baseball, Harry Burt; manager ice hockey, John Nygaard; manager football, F. G. Hagan.

The annual subscription was reduced from $5 to $2 in order to encourage a larger membership. Several new members were enrolled and the prospects seem bright for a successful season.

Our attention has been drawn to a recent statement in these columns to the effect that the Hagensborg basketball team recently gained its first victory over the Bella Coola boys. This it appears was a misstatement as we are informed that Hagensborg have been the victors on three seperate occasions. More power to them we say.

Church Notice

LOWER BELLA COOLA: Church Service, 11 a. m.

BELLA COOLA: Sunday School, 10:45 a. m.
Church Service, 7:30 p. m.

Rev. T. C. Colwell, B. A., Pastor

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SATURDAY, JAN. 30, 1915.

Suggestions.

There has been considerable activity of late among local Conservatives. Several club meetings have been held, but never yet in the memory of any person in Bella Coola have the local Conservatives had the temerity to state publicly what in their idea was for the welfare of the community. Nor can they be persuaded to meet with those who do not belong to any of the several Conservative organizations, for the purpose of discussing matters of local and provincial interest. It would appear that such matters are not regarded as worthy the attention of such a select body as our local Tory aggregation. From what we can gather, and it is an undeniable fact, their sole efforts seem to be directed to the parcelling out of the public money. The appointing of road-bosses and distribution of "jobs" to the faithful, and only to them, seems to be the all-absorbing occupation of these people.

We would like to ask what are they afraid of? Why not come out into the open and tell the public what they are doing? If their efforts are directed towards things commendable, and their intentions are not selfish and partisan, but rather for the betterment of conditions throughout the whole district, why not let us know about them?

May we respectfully ask of our Conservative friends what they have done towards bringing the matter of the Bella Coola-Tatla Lake road to the attention of the government?

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The Courier has on several occasions pointed out the desirability of having the many islands on our coast properly cruised by competent men, with the object of ascertaining their suitability for settlement by a much needed class of expert fishermen. We are strongly of the opinion that only by a well-devised system of community settlement on our islands will our fisheries ever be properly developed. Community settlement is essential to the maintenance of schools and a mail-service, which are matters of the greatest importance to any would-be settler. As evidence that the right class of fishermen is obtainable we refer to the Montreal Star and Family Herald, which speaking of the conditions in the fishing industry in Great Britain says: "Hundreds of fishermen along the east coast are practically out of employment. Many of these men are going to the large industrial centres in search of work." These are just the class of men we want to settle on our coast and develop our fishing industry, which is as yet practically untouched (except perhaps by Japanese). Here is a matter which we commend to the local Conservative club with the suggestion, respectfully submitted, that it would probably redound with more lasting benefit to Northern B. C. than would the appointing of this man rather than the other as road-boss.

At the risk of censure, we cannot refrain from expressing the hope we entertain that the time may speedily come when, instead of scrapping and quarrelling about who shall be allotted the privilege of working on the road at $3 per day (paid from the public money for the public benefit), the irresistable force of the combined intellect of our Conservative friends of the several organizations may be directed towards laying the foundation for the future progress and development of the large and as yet undeveloped district of which Bella Coola Valley forms only a part, albeit an important part.

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As far as Bella Coola Valley is concerned, there are many questions which need to be dealt with.

The joining of a Conservative association for the mere sake of getting employment on public works may be alright for the individual who is devoid of ambition, but such ideals are not going to do much towards building up the community.

It is a well-known fact that a considerable number of men have lately joined the local Conservative association solely for the purpose stated above. Some of these men, to our actual knowledge, have hitherto held and expressed views which could not possibly be termed other than condemnatory to the present administration. Some were even avowed Liberals. But they needed employment so joined the Conservative club. We cannot altogether blame these persons for this action on their part, which might at first sight appear hardly consistent or straightforward. But we do blame and condemn the system which compels men to sacrifice their own opinions, a system of coercion which would fetter the freedom of thought and threaten free speech. We blame and condemn those in authority, who weild the bludgeon. Those by whose orders men are compelled to "get in with the boys" or be out of employment. Bella Coola like every other part of the province is experiencing slack times and there are many men, some with families, who must have employment and it is on these that the bludgeon falls with greatest force.

This is the great political machine of the McBride government. This is what Sir Richard meant when he said the first thing was to get into power and then to stay in.

We say that such a system is an abomination and a disgrace. It is degrading to the public conscience. The men in authority who put the system into effect are unworthy the respect of right thinking and fair minded men. They are even ashamed of themselves as shown by their readiness to deny their part in the working of the system. Such men are as dangerous to the community as to the province. They are self-seekers, owned and controlled by whatever party happens to be in power.

Under this system, having become strong in a certain district through the "potlatching" of jobs and the dispensing of public money, these officials are frequently chosen by the machine to contest the said district in the event of an election. They have electioneered for years at the public expense, they have made "good fellows" of themselves by bestowing favors on the faithful. They have brought recalcitrants into line by means of the bludgeon. They are "strong." We say such a person is unfitted to represent any constituency, so let us beware.

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Retribution.

Exulting in the "success" of the raid on the unprotected towns on the east coast of England, the Germans have added to their long list of blunders by essaying another attempt of a similar character.

It is evidently realized by them that the navy must do something to justify its existence. The German people have come to resent the navy, which they have been taxed to the utmost to build and maintain, being almost entirely inactive while British shipping sails the seas unmolested.

To satisfy a popular demand, and at the same time to give vent to their hatred against Great Britain something had to be done, and so a few noncombatants were ruthlessly murdered, for that is what the results of the raid actually amounted to. The news of this wonderful feat was evidently received in Germany with a demand for more and so we find a second attempt being made. This time, however, the raiders failed in their object, and paid the penalty of their reckless daring with the loss of their armored cruiser Blucher with over seven hundred and fifty of her crew. So now the score is more than even. Those who lost their lives in the first raid are amply avenged. After this lesson, there is little danger that the German navy will acquire the habit of raiding unprotected towns on the coast of Great Britain.

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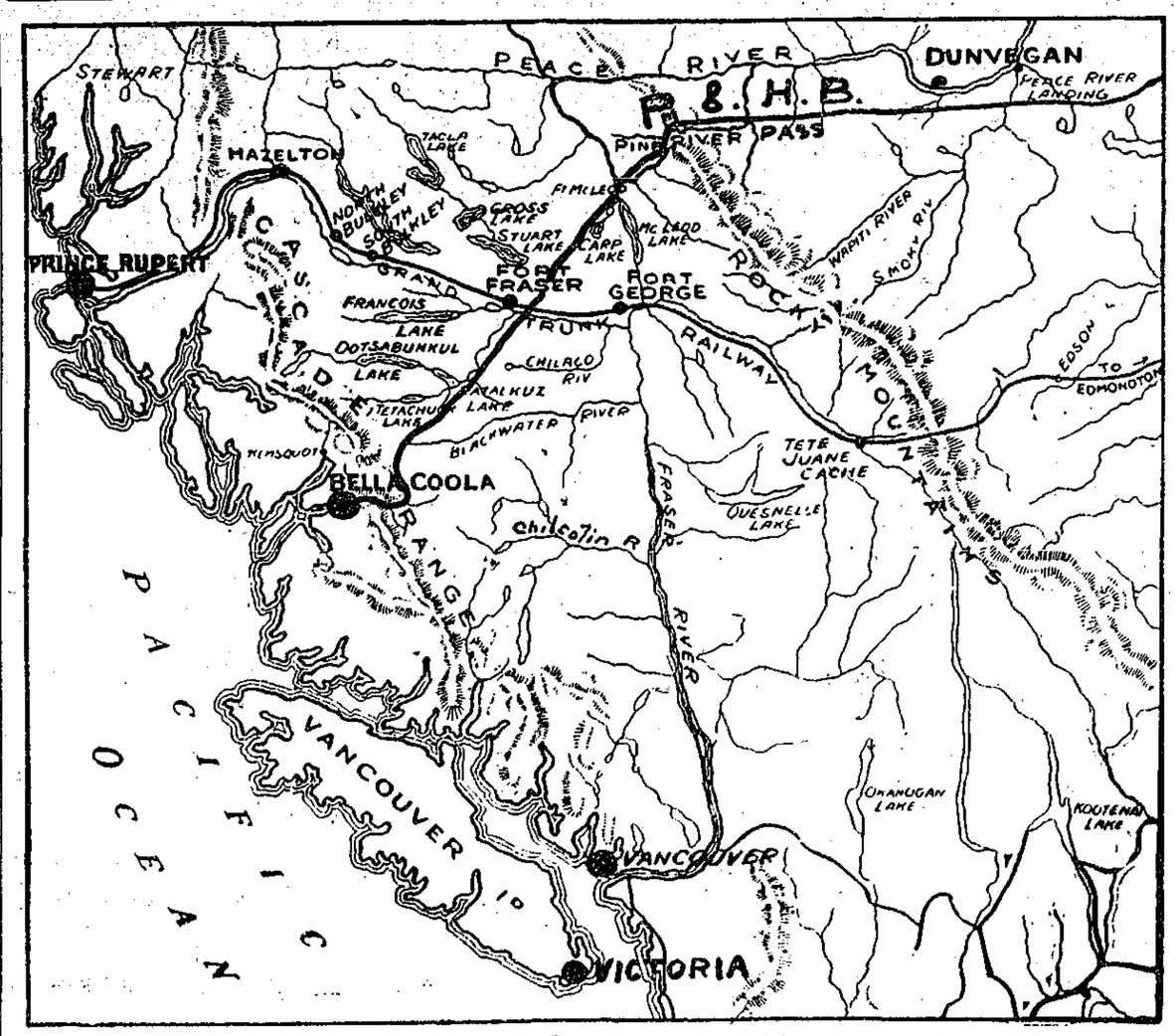
Wait and See.

Fritz von Geisler writes to the "Herr Editor" of the New York Herald, a newspaper which seems impervious to the teachings of Ridder and von Bernstorff: "I am a German. You Americans do not know that we are fighting for liberty and justice. You do not know that this war was forced upon us by the English and the Russians. We are fighting for America too, and if we were defeated America would lose her independence. But the great, glorious German army cannot be defeated. God is with the Germans and their great an tender-hearted Kaiser."

In the name of Belgium, th Germans and their tender-hear ed Kaiser are fighting for liber and justice, and if they are d feated, even with God on th side, freedom will vanish fr the earth. Well now, who wou have thought it.



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A copy of this notice and an application pursuant thereto and to the "Water Act, 1914," will be filed in the office of the Water Recorder at Vancouver. Objections to the application may be filed with the said Water Recorder or with the Comptroller of Water Rights, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, within 30 days after the first appearance of this notice in a local newspaper. The date of the first publication of this notice is January 2nd, 1915.

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All This May Be Divided Up Soon

The area of the German Empire is 208,780 square miles; its population in 1910 was 64,925,993. It consists of the following states:

Prussia, a kingdom. Area, 184,558 square miles; population 40,165,219. Prussia is divided into thirteen provinces, namely beginning on the east: East Prussia, West Prussia, Posen and Silesia, constituting the area bordering on Russia; Pomerania, Mecklenburg and Schieswig Holstein which with East and West Prussia form the northern tier of provinces; Hanover, which borders on the North Sea; Westphalia and Rhenish Prussia, which borders on the Netherlands, and Belgium, Hessle-Nassau, Saxony and Brandenburg, which are in the interior; Berlin and Hohenzollerin are small areas having independent local administrations.

Bavaria, a kingdom, 29,280 square miles; population 6,887,291.

Saxony, a kingdom, 5,856 square miles; population 4,806,661.

Murtemburg, a kingdom, 7,534 square miles; population 2,437,574.

Baden, a grand duchy, 5,888 square miles; population 2,143,000.

Hesse, a grand duchy, 2,966 square miles; population 1,282,051.

Mecklinberg-Strelitz, a grand duchy, 5,135 square miles; population 639,958.

Mecklinberg-Strelitz, a grand duchy, 1,131 square miles; population 106,442.

Oldenburg, a grand duchy, 2,482 square miles; population 438,856.

Saxe-Weimar-Elsnach, a grand duchy, 1,397 square miles; population 417,149.

Anhalt, a duchy, 906 square miles; population 331,128.

Brunswick, a duchy, 1,418 square miles, population 464,175.

Saxe-Atterburg, a duchy, 512 square miles; population 216,000.

Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, a duchy, 763 square miles; population 257,177.

Saxe-Meiningen, a duchy, 945 square miles; population 278,793.

Lippe, a principality, 470 square miles; population 150,937.

Reuss, principality, 120 square miles; population 72,769.

Reuss (younger line), a principality, 320 square miles; population 152,752.

Schaumberg-Lippe, a principality, 130 square miles; population 46,626.

Schwarsburg-Rudolstadt, principality, 363 square miles; population 100,702.

Waldeck, a principality, 438 square miles; population 61,706.

Reichsland, formerly Alsace-Lorraine, 14.522 square miles; population 1,874,014.

Included in the Empire are the Hanse Towns, namely Lubeck, Bremen and Hamburg. These towns have local self-government and territorial sovereignty.

THE VOGUE OF THE K.

As a rule, writes a correspondent of the London Chronicle, who seems to like this sort of research, K is one of the least used letters in the alphabet, but in the present war it has a great vogue. For instance, nations are killing one another through the Kaiser, who says he is fighting for Kultur by the aid of Krupps and Kluck. But the Koenig of Prussia, in his ambition, has come up against a trio of Kings, who, with the help of Kitchener's Khaki (and Kilted) army, whose Kits and Knapsacks are augmented by Knitting ladies, and the Gurkhas' Knives (Kookries) will Knock the owner of the Kiel Kanal and the Konigsberg out of the ring.

The kaiser is said to be looking around for a suitable man to appoint king of Belgium. Hon. W. H. Bowser might do, but there is scarcely room for two kaisers on one litle continent.

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Oh, this is the tale of Jack Monroe,
With arm of iron and fist of brass,
Who fought a champion long ago,
(The glittering years! How swift they pass!)
And his back was broad, and his eyes were bright,
And his soul was square, and his spirit light.

He tramped far over the mossy rocks,
The rocks which shelter the Cobalt rose,
Where the geese go past in their arrow-flight,
Where the spruce sings soft as the Norther blows,
Where the Polar Torches illume the sky,
And the mystic lakes of the forest lie.

He came one morn to the mining town,
Across the lake in his bark canoe,
He filed his claims, and they wrote them down
And plotted them all, and put them through.
And they spoke to him—by the veriest chance—
Of the bloody war on the plains of France.

"A war?" he said, with a questing eye.
"Is Britain in it?" They answered: "Yes."
Then Jack Monroe raised his head on high,
And answered: "It's up to me, I guess.
I have a sister. She gets my coin.
Make out my will. I'm a-goin' to join."

And thus it was that Old Jack Monroe
Brought deeds and papers, a famous store,
To the good Recorder the miners know,
And saw them behind an iron door,
And signed his will, and remarked: "So long.
I'm rather stuck on the bugle's song."

For he said: "It's Duty, and nothing less."
And his lips were tight and his smile was grim,
"So put me down for the Privates' Mess,
The King is calling, and I'm for him.
And what's the odds if I don't come back,
They named me after the Union Jack."

And so he marched with the Princess Pat's.
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