

NEWS FROM ENGLAND

NEWS BY MAIL ABOUT JOHN BULL AND HIS PEOPLE

Occurrences in the Land That Reigns Supreme in the Commercial World

Sir Arthur Thring, K.C.B., has been appointed clerk of Parliament. Fifty thousand disabled soldiers were placed in employment in England last year.

At St. Dunstan's Bazaar, in the Albert Hall, London, a single potato was sold for £100.

The mother of General Nivelle, commander of the French army, was a Potatoe, Kent.

Potatoes are being grown in the flower beds in the garden of Hampton Court Palace.

By a recent thirder storm in Cheshire potatoes and seeds were washed out of the ground.

The National Union of Railwaymen had a total membership of 340,000 last year, an increase of 32,000.

The annual conference of the National Union of clerks will be held this year owing to war conditions.

A plant has been installed in Hampton from 20,000 to 40,000 public meals a day.

Twin sons of two Peterborough families, named Stokes and Fletcher, were all four wounded on the same day.

Souvenirs in aid of disabled sailors were sold in London on May 31st, Day.

Anglers in Leicestershire have been refused from fishing, as they do more damage to the crop than their catch.

Robert Smith, F.R.I., Manchester, has been appointed chairman of the National Association of Approved Societies.

Sea birds' eggs are being used in large quantities as food, throughout Great Britain, and are said to be very nutritious.

Professor J. Ratcliffe, Manchester, says that the open fire grates used in the houses of the artisans are most wasteful.

The Military Cross and bar won by the late Capt. P. A. Maglin, London Regiment, have been presented to his parents.

The London Master Printers' Association forebushadows an immediate advance in prices for all kinds of printing.

While her husband is serving with the colors, his wife is acting in his place as sexton, at Netherthorpe, Wrexham.

The freedom of the City of Bristol was conferred on General Smuts, Mr. Massey and the Maharajah of Bikanir.

The Grand Cross of St. Michael and St. George has been conferred upon the Portuguese Minister of War by King George.

The report of the Sunderland Tramways Corporation shows that 127,818 passengers were carried during the month of April.

There are 2,433 British merchant seamen and fishermen prisoners of war in Germany, 41 in Austria-Hungary, and 72 in Turkey.

It is estimated that the value of the potato crop in Great Britain would be increased £5,000,000 annually, if spraying were universal.

The tomb of General Wolfe in Westminster Abbey is completely hidden just now by the flag of Canada.

The Amalgamated Society of Watermen presented a further sum of £100 to the Red Cross Society for the maintenance of their ambulance in France.

At the Juvenile Court, Manchester, a boy was sentenced to six strokes of the birch rod and five shillings' damages for willful destruction of bread.

For wasting three ounces of potatoes, Margaret Chandler, of the Highgate Court, and a boy of 12, were fined 10s. each.

Sir William Haswell Stephenson, who has just celebrated his 81st birthday at Newcastle, has been the recipient of many congratulatory telegrams.

Business has been practically at a standstill at the Newcastle Corn Exchange and no reduction in cereals is expected until the Government lowers prices.

Miss Crosbie, of Lancaster Gate, has received the highest decoration ever bestowed on a woman in Russia, the St. George's Medal for bravery.

While decorating a sergeant with a war medal at Walmley, General Steele said he considered no commissioned officers the backbone of the army.

The Board of Agriculture has organized a campaign for the purchase of spraying machines, with the object of reducing the wastage of potatoes through disease.

At a ladies' skipping competition at Bromley, Kent, the "rare and useful" prize consisted of one pound of sugar, one pound of potatoes and one-half pound of sugar.

Arrangements have been made by the Ministry of Munitions which will provide a considerable number of the 500,000 men required for the army before the end of July.

Time is money on the farm at harvest time. Now is the time to repair the mowers, binders and reapers which will very shortly be required for service.

AMAZING EFFECTS OF FLYING SHELLS

ALL THE BUTTONS BLOWN OFF AN OVERCOAT.

Destroy, and in Other Cases Restore the Power of Speech, Hearing and Even of Sight.

The amazing effects of shell explosions have been well exemplified in the present war.

In some cases these effects have been to deprive men of the power of speech, to restore it.

In the same way hearing has been lost, and also regained; while sight has been suddenly banished, and as suddenly brought back.

But one of the most astonishing effects of all was that narrated by a French captain. It occurred while he was occupying an observation post in a tree. An 8-in. shell happened to explode immediately beneath him, with the result that he lost his sight.

He also knocked him senseless. At the moment, and when he came to himself he made the amazing, and as yet unexplained discovery that he was wearing a pair of breeches, vest, and trunks, leaving him, as he put it, "as late as a worm."

Another soldier has described the effect of a shell of which he was the victim. It exploded several yards away from him without doing him any harm. But it blew his overcoat from off his back, and when he picked the garment up it was minus all the buttons.

A Very Close Shave. A British officer had a very remarkable experience. Though not himself struck, the explosion of shells around him made him totally deaf and dumb. He was, of course, invalided home, but by the time he landed in England his speaking and hearing powers had fortunately come back to him.

A carabiniere had an exciting experience of the vagaries of shells. While he was sitting on a box in front of his tent, one of these projectiles came hurtling along and, passed between his legs without doing him the slightest harm. His improvised seat was, however, smashed beneath him, and the eccentric projectile played havoc inside the tent, where it splashed three rifles and did other damage.

Early one morning, when another man was lying in bed, a shell came in at the window. It passed over the bed a few inches above him, but exploded in the floor, wrecking the work of the whole building, but doing nobody any harm.

Then there is the case of a shell which pierced the wall of a room in which one of our gallant soldiers was engaged in the operation of shaving. It completely wrecked the room, but, though it passed within a few inches of the shaver, he sustained only a scratch. A pretty close shave.

The eccentricity of another shell is shown by a trooper, who was certainly a very close observer. He was watching between two horses when the projectile burst above him, killing both animals, but not injuring the trooper in the slightest.

A COUNTER-CHARGE. Building Moment in Encounter Between Cavalry and Aeroplane.

To show that it is sometimes possible for an aviator to pass surprisingly low over guns and yet escape being brought to earth, Mr. Claude Fawcett, White City in Heroes of the Air, tells an interesting encounter.

One of the aviators of the Allies, descending near some German batteries, was surprised by a patrol of hostile cavalry that galloped across a corner of the field where the aeroplane had alighted and rode full tilt toward it to make its occupants prisoners.

On the side of the field farthest from the Germans lay a wood; and the space between the aeroplane and the trees was so small that the machine could not rise high to the air in that direction. All that the pilot did was in his endeavor to escape from the machine across the ground directly toward the approaching horsemen and seek to rise sufficiently high to sweep above their heads. He took his machine abruptly toward them, thinking that his chance was now, and expecting either to be struck himself by bullets or to have some vital part of his machine hit.

There was one point in his favor, however: the German cavalrymen, rushing toward them, had opened their machine guns in a scattering and very haphazard manner. Only just above their heads, although travelling very fast, were the passenger-carrying planes.

Over the cavalrymen in their lead, then it came, it flew and although a storm of bullets had been fired on it while it passed overhead, the craft flew on unchecked. No part of its mechanism was hit, and its occupants injured.

"The Poor Man's Potato"

has become the rich man's luxury. Whether at three dollars a bushel, or twenty-five cents a bushel, potatoes are not a complete food.

Two or three Shredded Wheat Biscuits with milk furnish more real, body-building nutriment than a meal of potatoes or meat, are much more easily digested and cost much less.

Shredded Wheat is 100 per cent. whole wheat, nothing added and nothing taken away—gives mental vim and physical vigor for the hot days.

Delicious for breakfast, or any meal, with sliced bananas, berries or other fruits, and milk.

Made in Canada.

THE FEARS OF CELEBRITIES

Delusions and Superstitions of Men of World-Wide Fame.

It is an open secret in the Balkans that King Ferdinand of Bulgaria immediately has a fainting fit every time the sound of guns reaches his ears.

Perhaps this is through sheer funk for "Foxy" Ferdinand lives in abject fear of being assassinated.

Lord Roberts had a great aversion to black cats, and could not remain in the same room with one of these animals.

The Kaiser's father, Frederick III, could not look at a bunch of water-cress without being seized with a shivering fit.

At the sound of the word "lana" (wool) the late President Diaz of Mexico became sick.

A curious delusion haunted Pascal, the noted French philosopher. Although the most brilliant genius and wit of his time, he always thought he saw a yawning abyss on his left hand.

Parnell's horror of green was well known. He would not wear a coat or tie with any tinge of green in it, and he objected to anything like a green wallpaper. So strong was his aversion to the color that one day, when a lady whom he knew very well came to see him in the House of Commons, he refused to shake hands with her because she was wearing a green dress, and hurried away from her as quickly as possible.

One of England's greatest statesmen, Pitt, the younger, fled at the sight of pigs.

As a young man Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C., once rode a giraffe for fun. He was thrown off and kicked. Ever afterwards the sight of a giraffe or the picture of one produced a pain in the head, where the animal kicked him.

The Home Water Supply.

Water in the house, to use lavishly for all wholesome conveniences, seems at first thought beyond the means of frugal people, who have earned by hand labor all they have to spend.

To many, who have not closely considered the costs and the benefits, it appears an extravagance. Instead of that it is one of the greatest of house economies. Almost every farmer could afford the luxury of all water conveniences in his home.

Like their fellows, sunshine, wholesome food and fresh air, they do not weaken the muscular, mental or moral fibres of life. When one has been compelled to use any of these debased for a time how satisfying is the pleasure of purity and abundance.

As an investment for the home, I know of nothing likely to yield so much in return in saving women's strength, in increasing house comforts, in preserving health, in imparting satisfaction in housework and in elevating the general tone of the material side of living.—Dr. J. W. Robertson, in "Home Waterworks."



Grape-Nuts

Made from choice whole wheat and malted barley, this famous food retains the vital mineral elements of the grain, so essential for balanced nourishment, but lacking in many cereal foods.

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WASPS THAT ATTACK FRUIT.

Harm Done is Wrongly Attributed to Bees.

The wasps known as hornets and yellow jackets do considerable harm to ripening fruit by eating through the skin in order to suck out the fruit juices.

Much of this harm is attributed to bees, but in almost all cases when bees are feeding on the exuding juices they are frequenting holes made by other insects.

These wasps nest in the ground or in old trees. If the nest can be discovered, which usually means watching the insects when they fly home, the entire colony can be quickly exterminated. A gallon jug, quarter full of water, and placed next to the nest is all that is needed. A wasp will emerge from the nest opening, perceive the jug, and fly hungrily at it. The hollow sound of its buzzing, echoing from the jug, will make it enter, when it falls into the water.

Wasps are able to communicate with each other, and the imprisoned wasp possibly calls to its sisters. At any rate, the colony, one by one, in the course of the day, will find its way into the jug. This system is perhaps easier than the distribution of poison on food for the wasps. If the latter method should be tried a little parter green or white arsenic may be distributed where the wasps will find it.

A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN

Can be Averted by Feeding the Starved Nerves With Rich Red Blood.

Nourish your nerves—that is the only way you can overcome life's worst misery, nervous exhaustion. The fits of depression and irritation, the prostrating headaches, the weakness and trembling of the legs, the unsteady hand and the imperfect digestion that mark the victim of nervous weakness, must end in nervous breakdown if neglected.

Nourish your nerves by the natural process of filling your veins with rich, health-giving blood. Your nerves are crying out for pure blood and the easiest way to get it is Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have proved successful in so many cases of nervous disease that did not yield to ordinary treatment. For example, Mr. Wilfrid Donald, West Flanders, Ont., says: "Before I began the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills I was in a serious condition. I was not only badly run down, but my nerves seemed to be completely shattered. I slept badly at night, and when I got up in the morning was as tired as when I went to bed. I seemed to be on the verge of a nervous breakdown. At this stage I began the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. In the course of a few weeks I felt much relief, and continuing the use of the pills they completely restored my health. I can now sleep soundly, eat well, and am enjoying complete freedom from the old nervous troubles."

You can get Dr. Williams' Pink Pills through any dealer in medicine, or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

EXPLOSIVE COAL

A New Sort of Fuel Which, Strange to Say, Was Satisfactory.

In reviewing his early life in Constantinople, Sir Edwin Pears tells an amusing story of a coal contractor who was supplying the British fleet with fuel. A commissariat officer on one occasion went to him to say that a man-of-war had just arrived in the Bosphorus and was ordered to proceed to the Crimea with distinguished officers on board; but it was short of coal. The contractor answered that one of his small sailing vessels had just arrived laden with a cargo of coal and that he would arrange to have it discharge the fuel directly on board the man-of-war.

A day or two later, when the contractor saw his manager, he asked what had been done with about ninety kegs of gunpowder that had been stowed on the top of the coal.

"Oh, we found all the kegs empty," said the manager. "There was no powder to remove."

During the next three weeks the contractor lived in constant dread. He feared that every ship coming from the Crimea would bring news of an explosion on the man-of-war and an order for his arrest. He became ill from anxiety.

One day, a fortnight later, he heard with fear and trembling from his inner office the voice of the commissariat officer asking to see the merchant who had supplied the ship with coal. He put on a bold face and went out.

"Yes, your're the man," said the commissariat officer in a loud voice. "You gave us three hundred tons of coal. It's the best we have ever had. Instead of our having to stop the ship while we cleared the funnels, whenever there is a new firing up the smoke goes with a puff and clears the funnel itself. I want three hundred tons more, but, mind, it must be of the same quality."

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For Summer Days

A charming model for summer weather has a long, straight tunic of flouncing over a plain foundation finished with a deep hem. The fulness of the tunic is laid in soft pleats topped by a shaped belt pointed in the front like the top of the soft vest in the blouse. A long collar which extends midway down the front is one of the attractive features of this hot-weather model. McCall Pattern No. 7889, Ladies' Semi-fitted Dress; 30-inch length. In 5 sizes; \$4 to \$42 bust. Price, 20 cents.



Wherever men are staunch and free, There shall she keep her fearless state. And, homeless, to great nations be The home of all that makes them great.

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MINARD'S LINIMENT Cures Gargot in Cows

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MONEY ORDERS

WHEN ordering goods by mail, send a Dominion Express Money Order.

Milk absorbs odors very rapidly and collects germs just as quickly. These may not produce disease, though they frequently do, but it is almost sure to produce digestive disturbances when fed to babies. Summer diarrhea is very common among infants and this is frequently blamed to the teeth, yet most often it is due to their food.

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"HONOR SYSTEM" COUNTS.

Sign in a British Aeroplane Factory to Inspire Men to be Careful.

"Notice: A concealed mistake may cause a brave man to lose his life."

The simple, dramatic grime of the terse sign reproduced above is hung in a British military airplane hanger testifies to the caution with which the fighting machines of the English airman are overhauled. A single frayed wire or weakened strut might mean the loss of the lives of the pilot and machine gun operator and the destruction of a fighting machine worth thousands of dollars.

The "honor system" means more in an airplane hanger than in the great, absolute conscientiousness in preparing the machine for the next flight is imperative. Careless, casual surveys or the neglect of needed repairs generally purchase the inspector's leisure with the blood of the bravest fighting men on earth.

GUARD BABY'S HEALTH IN THE SUMMER

The summer months are the most dangerous to children. The complaints of that season, which are cholera infantum, colic, diarrhoea and dysentery, come on so quickly that often a little nip is beyond aid before the mother realizes he is ill.

The mother must be on her guard to prevent these troubles, or if they do come on suddenly to cure them. No other medicine is of such aid to mothers during hot weather as is Baby's Own Tablets. They maintain the stomach and bowels and are absolutely safe. Sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

BEELIUM.

Not with her ruined silver apices, Not with her cities shamed and rent, Perish the imperishable fires That shape the hearthstead from the tent.

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THE LARK.

I heard a lark sing in the morn, A happy lark with golden-tongue. It told me that the spring was born, It sang that all the world was young.

It rose and threw my casement wide, And bathed in morning's rosy hue. It listened to the gay lark's song, And fancied that it sang of you.

—Julia Clifton Cross.

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