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ADMIRAL VON TIRPITZ, THE MAN WHO MADE KAISER'S NAVY.

Albert Ballin's Job-Has Been the Building Up of the Fatherland's Merchant Marine.

Frederick William Wile. When the history of Germany's mighty naval development comes to be written one name will stand out in boldest relief-Von Tirpitz. To man, a magnificent specimen of Teufall the lion's share of the credit for the persistent aggressiveness with which the Fatherland has rushed to the front rank as a sea power. He is the real creator of the kaiser's

"Tirpitz the Eternal" they call him n Berlin. For nearly fifteen years he has been unbrokenly at the helm No other German minister but Bis matck ever survived the vicissitudes of polities so long. Imperial chancellors have come and gone. War ministers, foreign secretaries, chancellors of the exchequer, home secreappeared and disappeared by the

But the man who designed and launched the naval law has gone on forever an enduring embodiment. the Fatherland's determined and condistent bid for power at sen.

It was my privilege to discuss Anglo-German naval policy with Von Topitz. He is suavity and frankness incarnate. He confessed unreservedly that his idea of German sea power was that the Fatherland must prepare itself as soon as postible to throw decisive weight into the political scales wherever its vital interests were concerned.

Two-to-Three Standard. Specifically, he favored the two-tothree standard as the only goal compatible with German necessities, as far as Great Britain was concerned. He believed that the possession of a fleet two-thirds as powerful n offenve unite as the British navy would sectually prevent combined Anglo-French military operations against Germany, besides making naval war fare, in the spirit of the fleet law's He believed religiously in the in-

preamble, a grave risk for Britain. vincible superiority of the German guns-that they would decide the isue to Germany's imperishable glory the day when the kaiser's Trafalenied Germany's culpability for the trade. uinous competition in naval armaments. He averred the author of the Dreadnought was alone guilty. He dislaimed the notion that the German fleet was built for aggression, and he Who Is In Command of the British was irrevocably opposed to limiting its development by agreements of any

Albert Ballin, Creator.

What Von Tirpitz has done the German fleet, Albert Ballin, director-general of the Hamburg-American line, has done for the German mercantile marine. He has made

Ballin, of Hamburg, stands in the same relation to the kaiser as did those counsellors of another generation to those sovereigns and governments-Rothschild, of Paris, to Napoleon III., and Bleichroeder, of Berlin, to Emperor William I., and Bismarck. Having tried and failed repeatedly to make him a cabinet minister, William II., advises with the director-general of the Hapag. Hallin always insists he can be of

when the kaiser sought to saddle a most able cavalry leader of the Briministership on Ballin, or tack von tish army, and won fame as such on to his plebian name, or give bim during the Boer war. hereditary membership in the Prus- But with all that, he still rides bles for a consideration is a genius. sian House of Peers, Ballin com- like a sailor, that is to say very un- The tastes of a millionaire may

sugar and cream.



The famous Russian Cossac ks are at their best when attacking the enemy's supply trains, or his res The picture shows an at tack on a supply train.

"To the far-seeing and tireless gar was to be fought and won. He pioneer of our commerce and export

GEN. SIR JOHN FRENCH.

to Field Marshall Sir John French. til a few months ago he was chief of which he resigned owing to his dif- thereof, as ended. ferences with the government in connection with the military dispositions for dealing with any disturbances resulting from the armed movement in Ulster. When the European placing him in command of his cav war broke out his appointment as alry.

ces was announced the same day as of state for war. Sir John, the son and grandson of naval officers, was originally intend- in the capture of his entire force. ed for the church, was sent against his will into the navy, and after atmore service to the fatherland on taining the rank of lieutenant, quit- moustache, is not over popular in pear that it could be navigated at him. the Alsterdamm than in the Wil- ted the sea in order to join the army the service, where he has been accusas a hussar officer. He enjoys the ed of undue favoritism, especially forts, which makes it very question-

ing in view of his prowess while a young subaltern in regimental stee

French first saw active service in

Gordon at Khartoum. Later on, while stationed at Al The chief command of the English | dershot, he incurred a good deal of forces in the field has been allotted criticism, and even censure, on the part of his military superiors, for who is leading the troops despatch- embarking in cavalry tactics that did ed to the assistance of Belgium. Un- not commend themselves to generals of the old school, and his career was the general staff of the army, a post regarded by many, in consequence es, inside of all being a torpedo har- man war department at Berlin, and

But the late General Sir Redvers Buller gave him his chance when the Boer war broke out, selected him as Inspector-General of the British for-It was at the head of the latter, by

means, of a forced march, that that of Earl Kitchener as secretary French relieved the siege of Kimberley, and further assisted Lord Kitchener in the crushing of Cronje, and Sir John is a very short, stout man, of barely five feet, with a white

On one of the various occasions | well merited reputation of being the where officers of birth and title are able whether daring fwarships could

A man who can dispose of his trou promised by accepting his majesty's gracefully. Indeed, he is not a good be imprisoned in a pauper's purse.

THE THREE AUTERNATIVES

Egypt, and took part in the unsuc- the Kiel Canal, it has only three oth- tallest member of the reigning house cessful Nile expedition under Lord er possible places from which in can of Russia, and looks what he is, a Wolseley for the relief of General operate with any degree of safety. born cavalryman, spare of figure These places are Heligoland, Cux- and of exceptionally distinguished haven, and Wilhelmshaven. The last- bearing. He won the St. George's named place would appear to offer Cross for conspicuous gallantry on the greatest advantages, and the the battlefields of the Turkish war of fact that the Germans recently have 1877, is the eldest son of late Grand made very elaborate additions to the Duke Nicholas Nicholaiovitch, who harbor, constructed an outer and an commanded the Russian army in inner basin, guarded by several mol- that campaign, is rated by the Gerbor, with the whole situation domin- by the military experts of Europe, ated by powerful forts on the main- as the prost clever and brilliant cavland, indicates that they expected to alry leader now living, and has for turn it to important use some day. several years past been at the head a member of his staff, and ended by Wilhelmshaven is easily 70 miles of the military district of St. Peterssouth of the island of Heligoland burg and of the capital, and as such and about 50 miles south west of responsible for the safety of the

> the Elbe River. that the forts at Cuxhaven are in- Grand Duchess Stana, one of the tended to dominate the entrance to daughters of the King of Montenethe Elbe River, and therefore to the gro, having secured a dissolution of Kiel Canal. The river is 20 miles her union to the late Duke George wide at Cuxhaven, and it would ap- of Leuchtenbery, in order to wed least 12 miles north of the Cuxhaven

not run past.

a few years ago, after having it in that in all the lines of business that her possession since 1807, has been have to do with the home market, converted into a most powerful fort- the American market, and the Britress, with guns of tremendous pow- isb market - except where borrower, which are invisible from the sea, ing and lending capital are concernit is high and rocky, and probably ened, but an increased activity. could not be reduced much easier than Gibraltar. It has a new artificial harbor, which could hold centre German battle fleet. But Heligoland the German fleet could be absolutely surrounded by hostile fleets and starved into submission. The last place to which the German fleet should flee would be to this island. There it has no chance of getting its back against the wall; the enemy can get behind it. So that of the four places, Heligoland, the Kiel

Great Britain Kept Her Word

tions against the British fleets.

Canal, Cuxhaven, and Wilhelmshaven the last named would be the natural

choice as a German base of opera-

Derruit News A little while ago a large number of Americans were sneering at our government because it thought t ought to keep faith with Great was called truckling to England, howing down to crowns and baubles. very soon throw the hooks into us industrial production. if she got, the chance, and that all

tion of national honor was put up | see confidence upset here and stagto Great Britain. It didn't concern nation set in. a cent or two one way or the other on a ton of freight. It concerned the lives of men, the expenditure of fabulous sums of money-it meant | tion at Grace Hospital, Toronto. the casting of the empire into the seething pot of war as a precious stake. Great Britain had given her word-her primise-no more binding whatever than was our canal promise to her_that in the event of trouble she would stand by one of Deafness is caused by an inflamed on earth would distrust that." Then the people ery, "England keeps h

And one night under the channel flashed the distrought people: keep her promise." a thing as national a good thing to kee tarnished.

men, namely Gen. Sukomlinoff and the Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholaiovitch. The latter is to direct the operations in the field as generalissimo whereas the former remains at St. Petersburg as minister of war.

eneral Sukombinoff and Grand Duke

Russia's gigantic army-which on

its present war footing is estimated

as numbering over six million men-

is under the chief command of two

Nicholas Both Brilliant Cavalry-

OF RUSSIA'S ARMY

Unlike most of his predecessors at the war department, Sukomlinoff is a Slav and a Russian Nationalist. His work, until summoned from Kieff a few years ago to assume the task of reorganizing the military forces of Russia, as minister of war, was entirely concerned with the strategic problem of the western frontiers of the empire. He took part in neither the Chinese nor Japanese wars, nor in any of the Asiatic campaigns, but fought brilliantly in the Turkish war of 1877, under the celebrated Gen. Dragomiroff, whose favorite lieutenant he was and whom he succeeded in command of the south-western provinces with head-

quarters at Kieff. Till he came to St. Petersburg as minister he knew little or nothing of court circles, but reached the capital with the reputation of being the ablest strategist, the most clever organizer, and the most capable commander of the entire army, as the one man, above all others, desthed to play an important role in the war with Austria and Germany. Of course he has encountered numerous obstacles in his task of placlog the Russian army upon a lighthu, basis, since it was necessary for him to remove many officers of high rank and political influence in order to make way for men more capable. The czar, however, and Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholaiovitch, realizing the excellent work which he was doing, backed him up through thick and thin, and not even the sensational scandal in connection with the divorce of the lovely Mme. de Butkewitch; in which he played a leading role, and her subsequent marriage to him. were able to shake his position.

By profession he is a cavalryman and if Russia is to-day in a position to show a hold front to Austria and Germany, instead of being compelled to comply with their demands, as in 1969, when, owing to the unreadlness of the czar's army the empire was humiliated in the sight of the For the German Fleet In the North world, it is wholly due to Gen. Su-

As for the Grand Duke Nicholas If the German main fleet is not in Nicholaigvitch, he is probably the Cuxhaven, which is at the mouth of czar, the reigning house, and of the government. Like Gen. Sukomlinoff A glance at the map will show he is married to a divorcee, his wife,

Canada's Business Outlook.

Most of the business done in this The island of Heligoland, which country is done among ourselves, Britain foolishly ceded to Germany and it is not well to overlook the fact The island is only a mile long, and ed — there is likely to be not a less-

> Half the world has quit work and must be fed and clothed and have many things done for it that it used to do for fiself. More than that, we will be commissioned to do for that half of the world many things that it used to do not only for itself, but for us

This is an agricultural country, and there will be an enhanced demand for all our farmers can produce. This will put prices up, and the producers who get these higher prices will be better customers for all the manufactured products which they purchase. The need is to see that prices are not hoisted by men in the middle, whether combinsters, speculators, money merchants, or boarders of necessaries in cold storage fortresses.

Canada is fortunately placed to withstand what may come. Britain Britain in a little business matter herself will be glad to see this counconcerning the Panama canal. This try supply food products in such immense quantities as never before, and if the war lasts new calls will It was said that Great Britain would be made upon us in many lines of

The war is a great evil, but the this talk about "national honor" was | brunt of it does not fall on the dobosh, anyway. Honor between na- minion, and it is a patriotic duty to buckle in and help defeat the aim Well, just the other day a ques- of the enemy who would be glad to

Miss Myrtle Johnston, Deseronto, passed through a very critical opera-

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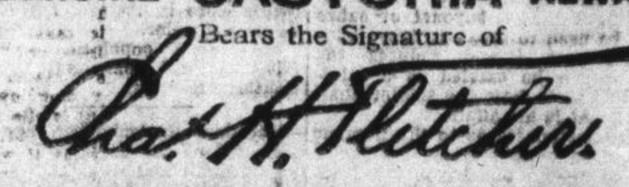
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