

GOT OUT OF GERMANY

NEWSPAPERMAN TELLS OF HIS ESCAPE FROM RUBLEHEN.

Geoffrey Pyke, who was in Denmark at the outbreak of the war...

After a weary tramp of two weeks from Berlin, says Mr. Geoffrey Pyke...

Mr. Pyke was imprisoned for ten months at Rubleben in an attic loft with 300 others.

Here I contracted pneumonia, and nearly died, continues Mr. Pyke. I received no medical attention...

The two Britishers spent the night in an adjoining sandpit, and next morning entered Berlin, where they enjoyed the first good meal they had had for months.

On one occasion, proceeds Mr. Pyke, we occasionally walked through a powder factory which lay on our path, unchallenged by the sleepy Landsturm men.

On the 23rd July we took our position to be, by dead reckoning, about a mile from the Dutch boundary.

Patti and Her Partners. The novel manner in which the famous prima donna on one occasion chose her partners at a dance is related by Mr. Leslie Ward.

Challenge to the Kaiser. Lord Northbourne, who is in his seventieth year, has challenged the German Emperor to mortal combat.

Warned by Birds. In the lonely districts of East Anglia the approach of Zeppelins is heralded by means of the wild commotion among the birds.

Bravo, Melba! Over \$150,000 has been added to the Australian war funds by Mme. Melba's concert.

Air castles took all right until you attempt to move into them. In the matter of giving and taking, make it as even as possible.

CASUALTIES.

Analysis of Canada's Losses in Men Since War Began.

Up to June 30 it is estimated that the first overseas division of Canadian soldiers at the front has lost 50 per cent. of its fighting force in battle...

Up to June 30 the Princess Patricia had 981 names on the casualty list, including 253 killed, 631 wounded, 49 missing, eight suffering from gas, 113 from shell shock or explosions, and 173 in hospital from other causes.

The Tenth Battalion has had 913 casualties, the Fifteenth 888, and the Thirtieth Battalion, Montreal, 788. The figures all through show that the Canadian forces have been in the heaviest of the fighting...

Although no official announcement has been made as yet, it is said in well informed quarters that a third division of overseas troops has been actually tendered to the Imperial Government.

Found McClintock Records.

News of the discovery by the Canadian explorer Stefansson of records left by one of the Franklin search parties on the same date 62 years ago is contained in the detailed report of his explorations received by the Naval Service Department at Ottawa.

Stefansson is now in camp on the north end of Banks Land, if he has not already reached Prince Patrick's Island. At the latter place he expects to establish a winter base as far north as possible.

Our Tallest Soldier.

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THE VALE OF SHADOWS.

By Clinton Scollard.

There is a vale in the Flemish land, A vale once fair to see, Where under the sweep of the sky's wide arch...

Here are men of the Saxon eyes, Men of the Saxon heart, Men of the Fens and men of the fens...

Here are men of the kilted clans From the heathery slopes that lie Where the mists hang gray and misty hang white...

Here are men of the Celtic breed, Lads of the smile and tear, From where the loops of the Shannon flow...

And the crosses gleam in the evening glow, And the hills of Tara now are low And Donegal cliffs are sheer.

And what shall these proud war-lords say At foot of His mighty throne? For there shall dawn a reckoning day...

What shall whiten their blood-red hands Of the stains of riven and ravished lands? How shall they answer God's stern commands...

Wireless Train Control. Since experiments were made some two years ago on a small scale with the Prentice system of wireless train control on the Hampton Court branch of the London and South-Western Railway...

The purpose of the apparatus is to prevent a train from running past a signal at danger, and its subject feature is that there is no mechanical connection between the track and the engine. A copper cable carrying a high frequency current runs along the line midway between the running rails...

A Slight Difference.

In "A Rambler's Recollections," Mr. Alfred Capper relates a delightful story once told him by Sir Herbert Tree. "You remember," said Sir Herbert, "my Japanese play some years ago? Well, when I took it off His Majesty's I sent it on tour. Now it happened that a certain town was billed very profusely with this play and with the announcements of another play equally, if not, indeed, even more popular than my own.

On the Sunday before the production, the day on which the provincial companies always travel from town to town, there was quite a crowd gathered to witness the respective arrivals of the two companies, who were due to travel by the same train. Well, the train steamed in, amid the great but subdued excitement of the waiting crowd, and as it (mentioning a certain famous and, be it added, very stately and pompous actor-manager) descended from his saloon, where he had been traveling in great state, a coquettish lady reporter stepped briskly up to him with pencil and note-book ready in her hand...

A Question of Etiquette.

It is not generally known that King George is an excellent billiard player, and once, when he was Prince of Wales, he visited some naval yards and in the evening entered a billiard-room for a quiet game. When the marker was told that Prince George was to be one of the players, his self-possession forsook him altogether. Creeping up to an officer who was presiding, he cried in a whisper loud enough to be distinctly heard by the Royal visitor: "Excuse me, sir, but do I call 'em Royal 'igness or 'Spot Valler'?"

It is known that there are still at large in London, Eng., at least 6,000 Germans, naturalized and otherwise. Now that Zeppelins visit London is it to be doubted that these death-dealing monsters have been guided upon their way by some of these 6,000 or more of enemies within London's huge area? asks a London newspaper.

DID THE EARTH SPLIT.

Savage-Landor Declares It Did, Like a Baked Apple.

Deeply interesting is the theory advanced by that intrepid explorer, A. Henry Savage-Landor, who believes that our system of detached vast continental areas was originally formed by the crust of the earth splitting from pole to pole, for all the world like the skin of an over-heated baked apple. May be this is true. Way back in the prehistoric ages, when there existed animals of strange forms and really as large as the present circus side-show barkers would have us believe they have in dinky tents to be awe-strickenly viewed for the small sum of a dime, the earth may have split open like a pea pod and mixed things up generally. It is just possible the rush of ocean to fill the gaps would have caused such a cataclysmal event in the earth's regular orbital movements...

What this is Savage-Landor's little joke. He started the argument, so let him have his say. That sets his mind at rest on the subject, and you can believe it or go fishing, just as you like. To support his theory, the explorer cites likeness of feature, language, habit, and state of development among the American tribes and those of the lands over the sea. Some day he hopes to go further into this matter.

"On that expedition through the wilds of central South America," says hot-foot Henry, "I was able to collect some well-fitting coast plants. I had long held a number of other shapes of the earth was correct. I had never believed in the well known theory that a continent, now submerged, once existed between America, Europe and Africa—in other words, where the Atlantic ocean is now."

"Here is what really happened. The earth at one period changed its shape—when, is merely guesswork and is of no consequence here—and the crust of the earth—not the core, mind you—split into two great gaps from pole to pole, with a number of other minor fissures. In other words, the earth opened just like the skin of an overheated baked apple. The African and American continents, as well as Australia, with New Guinea, the Celebes Islands, the Philippine Archipelago, and China, which before that event formed part of one immense continent, thus became divided, leaving North and South America isolated, between the Atlantic and the Pacific—which were then, and only then, formed."

"The shores of western Europe in those days were joined to North America, and had to-day their almost parallel and well-fitting coast lines on the east coast of the United States and Canada. On the opposite side of the world, the western side of South America, the same conditions can be noticed, although the division of the two continents (America and Asia) is there much wider. Fragments were formed, leaving innumerable islands scattered in the Pacific ocean, half way between the actual continents of Asia, Australia, and America. "A mere glance is sufficient to show how well Australia fits in along the Chilean and Peruvian coast, the great island of New Guinea, along part of Peru and Ecuador, and the west coast of the Central American isthmus. The Philippine Islands probably in those days lay alongside of Guatemala, while California bordered on Japan."

Youthful Chancellors. No one would call Mr. McKenna even middle-aged as far as appearance (but for a certain baldness) or energy is concerned, but he ranks fairly high among the more recent Chancellors in this respect. Mr. McKenna is rather over fifty-two. Gladstone produced his 1853 Budget at the age of forty-three. Mr. Lloyd George was forty-six, and Mr. Austen Chamberlain forty-one.

Lord St. Aldwyn was under fifty when first appointed Chancellor, but his actual performance as a financier came ten years later, and at the time of the 1896 Budget he was not far short of sixty. Disraeli was forty-eight when he produced his unlucky Budget in 1852. On the other hand, Sir William Harcourt, though Chancellor for a few months in 1896, brought in his first great Budget when nearly sixty-six, and Low was fifty-eight in 1869. Mr. Asquith was fifty-four in 1906, and Mr. Goschen was fifty-six in 1887.

Expert Goes West.

William Southworth, of the Ontario Agricultural College, has been appointed as plant breeder and lecturer on forage crops at the Manitoba Agricultural College. Mr. Southworth is not a graduate of Guelph, but is the product of a Scottish college. He is recognized as a specialist in the science of plant breeding. His main object here will be to develop a variety of corn for forage, which can be sown late in May, after danger of frost has passed, and be ready for the silo in ample time in the fall. His work at the college will be largely in the laboratory and in the experimental plots.

Dictograph for Airmen. A dictating phonograph has been invented to enable a military aviator to record his observations and still have his hands free.

General Bertram, formerly head of the old Shell Committee, has, it is said, resigned from the Imperial Munitions Board recently organized, of which he was deputy head.

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