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THE GERMAN FLEET. If the report is correct that the German fleet, numbering 68 vessels of all classes has emerged into the North sea, it is possible that interesting news may come from that quarter in the very near future.

Apparently, the time for an attack on the British ships in force is no better now than it has been for months. It is true that some of Britain's big ships are in Mediterranean waters, but it is not to be supposed that in sending ships to the Dardanelles, the British have seriously weakened their force in home waters.

The Germans did on one occasion undertake a raid on English coast towns, but only a few ships were engaged in this foray. It is improbable that any large part of the navy has been sent abroad on such another errand, for the damage which might be inflicted in coast cities would be trivial compared to the risk run if a general engagement is actually not desired at this time.

THE FRANK CASE AGAIN. In connection with some correspondence on the Frank case which has appeared, The Herald wishes to say that it has not undertaken at any time to try the case, or even to review it in detail, but merely to state a certain fact, namely, that the conditions which surround this case are of such a character that very many followed the case quite closely, and are familiar with all its phases, doubt seriously the guilt of the man who now stands under sentence of death.

The federal supreme court has no jurisdiction over the proceedings in a state court unless there has been a violation of the constitution of the United States. It must be remembered in connection with this case that the federal supreme court did not try it, nor did it pass on the guilt or innocence of the defendant. That was not its province. Frank is a resident of Georgia, and amenable to the courts of that state. The state court had acted, and the federal court found no warrant to intervene. Yet, while interference by the national court would have been a very unusual proceeding, one member of that body, Justice Holmes, did feel that the case was so extreme as to warrant interference by the highest court in the land, and he so recorded his decision.

SEPTEMBER WHEAT. Wall Street Journal: While May wheat commands a big premium over July, the difference between July and September is not so great. It is true that the September position is strong, yet the difference between it and July is gradually narrowing. This would imply that the trade believes the United States will not be in such complete dominance of the wheat market in the coming season. There is some justification for this line of reasoning, but it is hardly safe to jump at conclusions.

Canada's last crop was not a complete success. This year the acreage is being increased and, with favorable weather, the yield should be materially larger than in 1914. But even so, how much of Canada's crop would be available for September delivery? Argentine has not fulfilled expectations this year, and Australia is a failure. What she will do next season is only a guess. Granted that each produces a good crop, it will not be harvested until about the first of next January. Until the Straits of the Dardanelles are freed, Russia's surplus is sealed.

It can be assumed that the importing countries have taken all possible measures to increase the food supply. But war conditions do not favor such operations, even if "war correspondents" picture some of those lands as flowing with milk and honey. Common sense tells us differently. It is certain also that every importing country will keep its larger as full as it can. When fighting is the main business no risks can be taken on the food supply. There is no reason to look for a consumptive demand less insistent than that of the past nine months.

The United States and Canada must in large measure be the almoners of Europe. They will enter the new crop year with practically no old wheat on hand. If peace should come to Europe, the countries now at war would not increase their acreage. East, West, South, North, even if the great preparations of North America are helped by favorable weather, there must be

a demand for its wheat. The conditions are such as to make the September position one to be handled with caution.

CONSULTING THE BOSS. It seems that a good deal of effort has been wasted by the Barnes people in the libel suit against Roosevelt to show that Roosevelt, during his term as governor of New York, and later while he was president, was frequently in consultation with men who have commonly been described as bosses.

We have not seen that Roosevelt has made any denial of this. The fact has not been questioned anywhere. It has been taken for granted, and would have been taken for granted had there been no information on the subject whatever. Roosevelt did consult the bosses of his time. Sometimes he took their advice, and sometimes he did not but he asked their opinion and listened to what they had to say.

In doing this Roosevelt did just what every other president or governor has done, and must do. The executive officer must keep in touch with public affairs, and must obtain information and counsel where he can find it. We take it that President Wilson does not require that a man shall present a certificate that he belongs, body and soul, to the president's own particular branch of the Democratic party before he will be admitted to the presidential presence. Representative Fitzgerald of New York is quite frequently referred to as a boss. He has worked in close harmony with Tammany. But he is chairman of a great congressional committee. He wields great influence, both in his own state and in congress. And we have no doubt that the president has consulted him and asked his advice on numerous occasions.

One trouble with some politicians is that they are afraid to be seen talking with a man of the other faction. Their intercourse is confined to those of their own little group. The result is that the conversation goes round in a circle, and the members of the faction get no point of view but their own. The man who has a mind big enough to carry him anywhere that is worth while to go, are not afraid to consult with anybody. They want to get at the whole situation, and they are not afraid to follow good advice, even though it comes from men of whom, in general, they do not approve.

THE GROUPING OF BUSINESS. A business man in a neighboring city writes to his local paper complaining that the advertising and other activities of the local commercial club have a tendency to bring in more business and professional men; that there are already too many business houses in the city for any of them to operate at a profit; and that the club should devote its energies to secure factories, which in turn would bring customers to the stores already in the city.

As to the desirability of factories, where the conditions are suitable for them, there is no question. It is a fact, however, that the number of factories which can be operated successfully is somewhat limited, and every community in the country is putting forth some effort to secure them. There are lines of manufacture which cannot be operated successfully in particular places because of distance from raw material or from the markets for the finished product. There are others in which the business is centralized in a few large plants, and which, by reason of the size of their operations are able to effect such economies that small plants would be at a hopeless disadvantage in competition with them. This brings the number of manufacturing establishments which a given small city might hope to secure, under the most favorable circumstances, down within rather narrow limits, and it is not surprising, therefore, that any commercial club is not able to fill its city with factories on short notice.

There is, further, in the business man's protest, evidence of a mistaken notion which is quite prevalent. This is the idea that the fewer merchants there are in a given line in a city, the more business will be done by those who are there. Exactly the contrary is true. Customers are attracted by the grouping of business, by evidences of competition, by opportunities for comparison. They will flock to the town, or to the locality in the town where there are the most stores. In the same manner, they will read advertising more carefully if it is grouped, that of the same class being placed together. Many advertisers have been too slow to believe this, and a good deal of ingenuity has been used to secure advertising positions far removed from advertising of the same class. The facts are now pretty generally recognized, and it is quite usual to find merchants seeking advertising positions near the advertising of their competitors.

It is safe to say that if one city had but one merchant of a kind and its neighbor had several of each kind, all other things being equal, the former would soon become a dead place, and its merchants would consider seriously the advisability of moving to the other place where there was more doing.

ECCLESIASTICAL QUARRELS. The quarrel between the bishop of Zanzibar and the bishop of Hereford has broken out in a new place. This time the trouble has got into print because of the appointment by the former of a subordinate to a position of some importance under his control. Just what connection this has with the original outbreak is probably understood by those who are in close touch with current church history, but it is not made clear in the present press dispatches.

The controversy, which was quite animated some time ago, was with reference to the administration by the bishop of Zanzibar of the sacrament of communion to persons not of the Episcopal faith. There had been a gathering, at an African center, of missionaries of various churches for the promotion of evangelistic work among the natives, and the bishop of Zanzibar thought proper to close the meeting with a communion service in

which all the missionaries present participated. Doubtless this procedure was not strictly according to the letter of the regulations, but whatever ecclesiastical view may be taken of it, to those who are not interested in going into the fine points of church organization and government, the bishop's act will seem to be quite natural, and, under the circumstances, commendable.

Apparently the church authorities did not regard the matter as very serious, for nobody has been excommunicated for it.

LAUGH WITH US

"This car," said the demonstrator, "is almost human. Perhaps you have noticed."

"Yes, I have," said Binks dryly. "It reminds me of several men I know—been smoking ever since we left the garage, and the last hill we climbed it puffed like a porpoise. Haven't you something that is less human and more generally satisfactory?"

The Old Skipper—"Don't you come tell me none of your cook an' bull yarns about waves eighty feet high. Why, I've been at sea, man an' boy, for nigh on fifty years and I never saw none no higher than forty."

The Young Sailor—"Ah, but see 'ow things 'ave gone up since then! The teacher was examining a class of small boys on geography."

"Now," he said, "is there any boy who would like to ask a question on what we have gone over?"

"Small Boy—"Yes, sir. I would like to know what the axes of the earth are laid on?"

Teacher (somewhat confused)—"We have not come to that yet, boy."

then you wouldn't ever have to undergo anything. Yes, but it would be a lot of work painting new close on you every morning, and besides, what about pokettes, say?"

Fatty is Disappointed. Fatty Bellows is very mad at old Griggys, he considering he has been deceived by the mere cold person, it being this way. A couple of weeks ago when Fatty's bawl went threw Griggys's green house & Fatty went in to see the sean a pile of unions & put twice as fast in his garden to plant them, which he did in his yard. Now they have come up good & the mere thing about it is that they are not uniform at all, but rubbing out lillys. Fatty says Griggys had a rite to have a sine on the things so a fellow wouldn't bother them for unions.

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In Our School

(Illustrated by Moser.) The Young Fellow practiced yesterday afternoon & had a very good game, Andy Anderson devilling his curve bawl summing grate. The goal team looked splendid in their new uniforms, being underdressed & short pants & three legs with 2 red stripes on every leg. After the game was over everybody went down to the creek & washed off the red stripes. Fatty Bellows said wouldn't it be fine if you could do that with regular close, just jump in the creek & wash them rite off you, &

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Speaking of Fatty's garden, he is very proud of it, it containing nothing but unions of all kinds.

A Pleasant Fit. Torp Stebbins & Steve Harly had quite a good fit at recess today, it being when they was wishing for things. Torp wish the school house was all made of solid ice cream & belonged to him, & Steve said if it was would Torp give him any. Torp said, "No, why don't you do your own wishing?" Steve said just then he considered that pretty stingy of Torp & for spite he would wish the town would be made of solid rascals calk with vanilla frosting & then he would eat Torp die of hunger before he would give him a bite. Torp said he would talk it away from him, & Steve said he would do the same, & they fell off the fence, & Miss Palmer came out & adjoined with them to inside.

Gossip. The girls are doing a lot of whispering, these days, & saying, "O want it be luvly," & "Doant tell the boys," & so forth. O what so they are doing. Well, we bet we find out what is going on.

Speaking of using words, George Mc-And Peter and the other boys, who were all of the pride of the kindergarten class, got pants yesterday for a birthday present & calm to school in them this morning, he being very proud of them. Everybody told him he was a real man now, so during recess he went out where they was some men fixing the strete & set on the fence, & listened to them swear, he thinking you had to do that to be a real man.

When he had got it down good so he went to the kindergarten room & kept his hands in his pockets & his hat on. The teacher sed for him to stop & then he used the sware word at her.

We dident here it down stares, of course, the first we knowed was when the dore open & George's littel brother & his sister, who were sitting on the floor, started to wash out his mouth with some suds for swaring, which she had in the ankul & but he had kicked her & she had hit him with a broom. Miss Palmer sed "O heavens, the child has went mad. O look out children or else will bite you & you will have hidryfohy!" & some of the girls run in the dressing room & the teacher sed "O heavens, the child has went mad. O look out children or else will bite you & you will have hidryfohy!"

Just then, about the time George's littel brother had got to George, & was trying to hide under the desk for protection, the kindergarten teacher came running in, with her hands all covered with froth too, & sed "Where has that imp went?" & Miss Palmer sed "O doant go nerr here, him he has been using you too so keep away from us all!"

But the kindergarten teacher sed not to worry, they wasnt annybody mad, but her, & she kened George's littel brother who was sitting on the floor, started to wash out his mouth with some suds for swaring, which she had in the ankul & but he had kicked her & she had hit him with a broom. Miss Palmer sed "O heavens, the child has went mad. O look out children or else will bite you & you will have hidryfohy!"

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Of course, that is a selfish way of looking at things. Certainly, kind deeds should be done just out of kindness of the heart and not with any thought of reward. But it is true that just as surely as the sun shines the reward will come sooner or later. It was this that was really at the bottom of Peter Rabbit's idea of the Quaddies. Peter felt that if all the little people of the Green Meadows and all the little folks of the Green Forest and the Smiling Pool would agree to watch out for common decency and to wear each other and do each other a kindness, it would make life a great deal easier for all. So he had called a meeting behind the Purple Hills. "They'll be so curious that they can't stay of certain of his particular friends to tell them about his plan. He hadn't told them what the meeting was for, but simply that it was most important that each should be there. No one had promised to come, but Peter had a deal of faith that they would be at the big hickory tree by the Smiling Pool as soon as jolly, round, red Mr. Sun had gone to away."

So, for nearly two acts the play holds the attention of its hearers and wins its audience to the side of the good man. At last the trial of life comes to the men; the good man saves himself but the Devil's disciple saves the other man. It is a happy crowd of villagers that then carry off the Devil and hold a holiday in his honor.

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