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A few weeks before the declaration of war the German naval annual called "Nauticus" appeared. This volume declares itself to be published on authority, and it is regarded as an admiralty publication. The volume for this year is larger than usual and contains a complete record of the naval progress of all other navies in the world but that of Germany. The Berlin correspondent of the British Navy League gives an interesting review of the first section of this book. This section is a "political review" of naval history from a highly German standpoint.

The feature of this discussion which struck the Berlin correspondent most forcibly was the contempt of "Nauticus" for Britain and her power. The volume describes all the propositions made by Britain for limiting naval armaments and for a naval holiday. It declares them all to be hypocritical. The teaching all through is that Britain is exhausted, that her resources are strained to the utmost, that social reforms call for all the money in the treasury, and that pov-

erty, not philanthropy, is behind all these peace suggestions. It is made to appear that Germany has never been deceived by these indications of distress. The reader of "Nauticus" is assured, according to the British reviewer, that "German resources in money, men and skill are increasing as rapidly as the corresponding British resources are declining." The supply of German fighting men is inexhaustible; its financial position is equal to any emergency; its trade is growing enormously; its foreign policy has been crowned with brilliant success. "And as an offset to this record of splendid achievement the catalogue of British failure is related with immense relish and a regard for detail which extends even to our inferior naval guns."

So reports the reviewer for "The Navy." If his synopsis is a fair one we begin to understand how the German people have gained the conviction they were authorized to dominate Europe and the world. News-Advertiser.



CANADIAN EVANGELISTS FAMILY WHO ESCAPED GERMANS

In the above picture are shown the wife and three daughters of the Rev. Wm. Pugsley, the well known Canadian evangelist. Mrs. Pugsley and the girls had gone to tour Europe for a year and a cable from the girls tells of the adventurous time they had getting out of Germany and away from a lot of drunken German soldiers.

in forming a regiment but it won't make any difference; I'm going ahead. Anyone who wants to play the game of politics can do so. I'm going to use my humble efforts in another direction.

As to the sneers of Mr. Stork as to my military qualifications, I don't consider it any disgrace to have risen from the ranks. I have three certificates as a military instructor and can say, without boasting, that I always kept abreast of the foremost of my comrades in matters of drill and training. At any rate, when an officer like Mr. McMullen, who has seen distinguished service, is willing to serve under me, I don't see the force of the objection of any other officer in this town.

I regret this statement has been so long. It was unavoidable. I cannot engage in further controversy. I leave my action to the judgment of my fellow townsmen.

And finally I appeal to all men who love their Country and Empire to forget local differences, (they can be fought out in the future when the present period of danger has passed), and support me either personally or with their moral support in forming a regiment in this town, so that our young men may be equipped either to defend their country or, if necessary, go forth to the battlefields of Europe.

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TO CAPT. STORK

Said He Offered His Services
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Mr. Editor.

I notice a statement of Mr. Stork's in the press on Saturday.

I will not be drawn into a controversy over this militia matter, but as I am not yet actually sworn into the service, (when my lips will be closed), I think it imperative that I make a statement so that all right-minded and patriotic men will have an opportunity of judging as between Mr. Stork's position and my own.

Last spring when the unfortunate incident of cancelling the Earl Grey's took place, I was out of the country. Sometime afterwards when I returned I was approached by several friends, who, knowing I had some military experience, asked me if I would take command of forming a regiment here, if it was offered to me.

I replied that I would not do so in view of the high state of public feeling existing here in militia affairs.

When the war broke out I was in Fort George. I resolved to offer my services (such as they were) to the Militia Department. When I came back to Vancouver I saw our member, Mr. Clements, and through him telegraphed my offer to the Minister of Militia. At that time I did not know that Mr. Stork had been asked to recruit those who wished to volunteer for the front.

Subsequently, two friends of mine wired Mr. Clements in my behalf. Outside of this as far as I know, or believe, nothing took place.

No one has attempted to interfere with anything I am going to do in this organization. So that, after all, the "head and front of my offending" has been that I offered my services to the country.

Mr. McMullen being appointed my second in command, we both concluded that our first offer of the highest positions in our regi-

ment would be to the officers of the Eary Grey's, whose pioneer efforts in the militia here it would be most unjust and ungenerous to overlook.

We decided to do our utmost to conciliate them. I suppose some people will not give us credit for this but such, nevertheless, is the case.

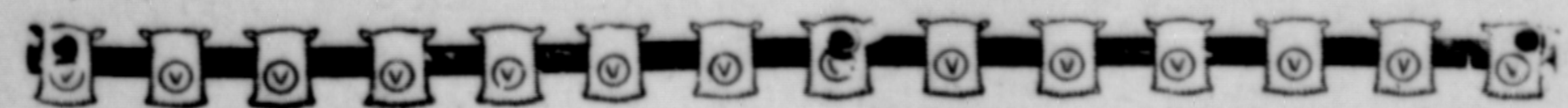
We even enlisted the services of the Rev. Canon Rix, a man whose high-minded enthusiasm is an inspiration to all who know him. From Mr. Stork we had a scornful, from Mr. McMordie a courteous but firm refusal. The offer was made honestly and wholeheartedly and with an earnest desire to heal the militia differences in this town.

In rejecting this offer, and in subsequently attacking me in the press, Mr. Stork is keeping alive the spirit of controversy here, and, in so doing he undertakes a grave responsibility, which I hope he realize. As for me I am willing to make any personal sacrifice to establish harmony. But having done everything possible to do what is fair and conciliatory I am going to turn from our local petty differences and use my utmost efforts to form a regiment here.

We are now concerned with the most colossal moment of history. Our beloved Empire is engaged in a titanic struggle upon which it is not too much to say depends the very stability of modern civilization itself. The stupendous German army is sweeping irresistably over Belgium. They have crossed the Meuse and threaten the French frontier. The outlook is dark and portentous and all-engrossing.

Such being the case, should we in Prince Rupert be concerned in a miserable squabble? All the rest of the Empire have settled their differences; the people of Ireland have declared a truce; the great labor strike in England has been suspended; the coal miners of Nanaimo, with commendable patriotism, have called off their strike; in fact, everybody has an armistice in local conflict except ourselves.

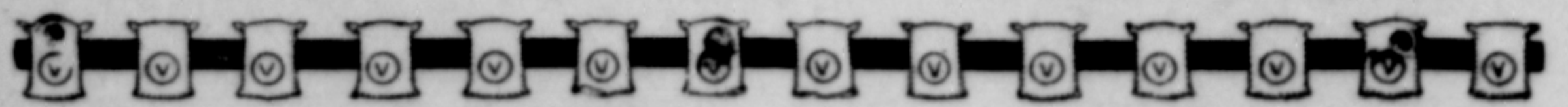
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