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A WORD WITH YOU.

By STEVEN STENT.

Have you ever browsed among the annals of seafaring in the days of good Queen Bess? Writers who cater for boys have delved again and again in this mine of the raw material of romance. The pity of it is that these chronicles always look so uninteresting to the eye. Even when you come face to face with them there is so little wheat among the chaff that, as a rule, only the student can persist in their perusal.

RARE TRAVELS OF JOB HORTOP.

Typical of the times is the tract dated 1591, on the title page of which is printed: "The Rare Travels of Job Hortop, an Englishman, who was not heard of in three and twenty years' space. Wherein is declared the dangers he escaped in his voyage to Guinea, where, after he was set on shore in a wilderness near to Panico, he endured much slavery and bondage in the Spanish Galleys. Wherein also he discourseth many strange and wonderful things seen in the time of his travels; as well concerning wild and savage people. As also of sundry monstrous beasts, fishes, and fowls; and also tells of wonderful form and quality."

ROUND ABOUT THE GLOBE.

The said Job Hortop, like so many other Englishmen of his day, went to sea in search of adventure and profit. An inquiring, expansive movement was in the air, and lads of mettle, with and without the capital needed to fit out a ship, went adventuring as a matter of course. Another chronicle sets out "The worthy and famous voyage of Master Thomas Cavendish, made round about the Globe of the Earth; in the space of two years and less than two months." Somewhere about the year 1586 this "worshipful and worthy gentleman, Master Cavendish, of Suffolk," took action, and this is what he did. "At his own proper cost" he built and furnished with all things necessary for two years' provision, "a brave ship called the Desire, of 140 tons, and a lesser of 60 tons, whose name was the Content." Circumstances thus, he set out from London on an enterprise of great risk, which happily resulted in profit, and, incidentally, tested to the utmost the manhood of all concerned.

ADVENTURES IN "COCKLE-SHELLS."

The export trade by which we live to-day was established by merchant adventurers, some of whom risked their worldly all and some their lives on far voyages in what we should now term "cockle-shells." It just happened—and succeeding generations have reaped the advantage of the seafarers' brave initiative. There is a freemasonry of the sea as well as a brotherhood of the sea, and that spirit lives on, as anyone who intimately knows a seaport town can tell you. And if owners and seamen are permitted to work out their own particular problems without outside interference, they can pull through their present difficulties. America, Australia, and, within Australia, Queensland, have made their experiments in State shipping, and each is striving with the utmost vigour to get free from its bad bargain. Seafaring and adventuring are interchangeable terms, and to lure men to adventure it is, of course, necessary to arm them with a hope of an adequate return for the risk they take.

THOSE TATTOO MARKS.

"Following the sea" has been a hard life, and seamen in many cases have had reason to grumble at their treatment in the past. As a member of a seafaring family I speak with knowledge. The tattoo marks on my father's arms provided one of the "treats" of my childhood, while the tales he told later on convinced me that a sailor's life had its points over the land-lubbers. Now, it is up to the owners to consider sympathetically any aspiration which the seamen may harbour for improvement in the conditions of their lot. Such consideration was promised the other day by Lord Inchcape, though on their part the seamen must not stubbornly stick to some particular nostrum, such as the eight-hour day, in face of the frank statement of the owners that such an arrangement would render their business impossible. On both sides there must be confidence, in addition to goodwill, and granted that, the British Mercantile Marine can match any achievements of the Elizabethan seafarers, provided that the dead hand of the Government is withdrawn from it.

THINKING INTERNATIONALLY.

When I stress the necessity of confidence and goodwill on both sides I am only repeating with emphasis something M. Albert Thomas said the other day: "The progress of civilisation rests on confidence between worker and employer." M. Thomas is a Labour leader of European reputation, and he deduced his dictum from his knowledge of industrial facts. That is wide, for your Labour leader to-day has not only to think internationally, but he has to know the ins and outs of industrial conditions in all countries. The extension of Labour's interest to all populations of the world is one of the great facts of to-day.

POSSIBILITIES, YE GODS!

But there are leaders and leaders—the same men and the wild men. In the latter class is Mr. Robert Williams, whose slogan is "Down with the capitalists," including, though he does not mention it, the trade unions and co-operative societies who have large invested funds, and the savings of workers, which are invested in war certificates. On a recent occasion—in Berlin—he said: "The great social transformation which has taken place in Soviet Russia" where the socialisation of industries and bureaucratic management have run riot) "inspires us all." He proceeded to boast that British workers were being taught "their revolutionary possibilities!"

A MYTH.

No one is so blind as the person who is obsessed, like Mr. Robert Williams, with a specific dogma. His views, however, are contradicted, point by point, by Mrs. Philip Snowden, the well-known Socialist, who speaks with knowledge of the bureaucrat's paradise—Soviet Russia. "The eight-hour day is a myth," she says in the "London Magazine." "They work twelve or sixteen hours. They are obliged to undertake work chosen for them. They must go where they are sent. They must not leave their work without permission." Just ask any member of the Associated Society of Engineers how he would like that! The chances are that when he began to speak you would hear language you could not repeat in the drawing-room.

DANGER OF STINTED SERVICE.

However, the tragic absurdity that goes by the name of Bolshevism does not deceive the average British worker, who is able to get, if not butter, then excellent margarine on his bread, for he knows that the Russian worker can't even get a sufficiency of bread, though he works harder. An infatuation for Bolshevism is not the danger in this country, but the fact that low production of the things we need has made commodities too dear to sell. That spells unemployment. While this is the day for human re-adjustments in industrial relationships, nothing but disaster can result from stinted service by those in employment. Intensive effort by those who have work means jobs for those who haven't.

A NURSE'S FALL.

LADY OF GOOD FAMILY SENT TO INEBRIATES' HOME.

At Brighton, Beatrice Bell (26), a nurse, was ordered to be sent to Brentry Inebriates' Home for two years as an habitual drunkard. It was stated she belongs to a good family.

Bell appealed to the magistrates for a term of imprisonment instead, and said she had firmly resolved to live down her deplorable past.

Twenty-three convictions were recorded against her, chiefly for drunkenness. She had been sent to an inebriates' home, and had been in almost every infirmary in London.

The prisoner received the magistrates' decision with the declaration: "I shall not stay there ten minutes." She clung to the rails of the dock, and had to be forcibly removed. In the cells she became very violent, and smashed everything she could lay hands upon.

SAFE DEPOSITS UNDER FLOOR.

HUGE HAUL OF TREASURY NOTES.

How the sum of £4,360 in Bank of England and Treasury notes was found under the floor of a house was described at Tower Bridge Police-court.

There Percy John Hodge (30), of Hathway-road, West Croydon, and Albert Thomason (37), of Englefield-road, Dalston, were charged together with stealing and receiving a quantity of platinum and palladium sponge (powder), vale £2,000, the property of the Mond Nickel Company, Ltd., Hodge's employers.

Detective-inspector Casleton said that Hodge was arrested, and when Thomason was visited at his home and told this and that search would be made for the stolen property, he took the officers to a bedroom, and, lifting a board in the floor, brought out a box containing £4,360 in notes.

It was stated that both men had made certain communications to the police. A remand was ordered, bail being refused.

FUSE EXPLOSION.

LABOURER SUCCUMBS TO ACCIDENT AT WOOLWICH ARSENAL.

A fuse which blew out was produced at a Lewisham inquest on Harold Edward Fulkes (25), a Lewisham labourer, who had been employed at Woolwich Arsenal since December, 1915. It was stated that the man had suffered from neurasthenia.

His widow said that on December 22 on coming home from work he complained of suffering from the effects of a fuse explosion.

A foreman said they had broken down 195,000 fuses of the same type at the Arsenal during the last five months, and this was the first which had exploded.

A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.

CHEERFUL PRISONER.

WISHES MAGISTRATE A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Magistrate: Three months' hard labour.

Prisoner: Thank you, sir. A happy New Year!

This cheerful reply was given by a grey-haired old man, named Wilson, a box maker, who was charged at the Guildhall, London, with doing wilful damage to the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate.

Because the barmaid, as he alleged, refused to give him his proper change, he proceeded to smash the plate-glass windows, and before he could be restrained had succeeded in doing damage to the extent of £17.

PRACTICAL CO-PARTNERSHIP.

MESSRS. CADBURY'S UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FUND.

It is of interest to record that an Unemployment Insurance Fund has been instituted by Messrs. Cadbury Brothers at their works at Bournville. The fund is non-contributory, and the income is based on the tonnage of goods sold, a few pence per ton being considered sufficient to provide for all the unemployment which is likely to occur. It is hoped that when trade is good a strong fund will be built up available for lean years.

The benefits provided are:—

22s. per week for married men for 6 weeks, and
11s. per week for the second 6 weeks.
16s. per week for single men and women for 6 weeks, and
8s. per week for the second 6 weeks.

For all men and women over 21 who have been in the employ of the firm for 2 years.

Proportionate reduction is made for those who have lesser service or who are under 21.

Speaking generally, the conditions will be in addition to, and the same as for, the State unemployment scheme. The scheme, which is to run for five years, is to be subject to the consideration of the Works Councils from time to time.

£5,000 has already been placed to the credit of the fund as an initial sum.

Formerly librarian of Chichester Cathedral, the Rev. Prebendary Cecil Deedes, who recently resigned the living of St. Martin and St. Olive, Chichester, died, aged 76.

The fire which broke out on the chartered Cunard steamer Navarino, while on a voyage from New York to Rotterdam, and necessitated her being beached at Queenstown, has been extinguished.

VEILED THREATS.

GERMANY OBJECTS TO FURTHER DISARMAMENT.

Germany has hinted to the Allies that further war reparation payments may be made impossible if all the disarmament conditions have to be carried out, says the "Daily Graphic."

The German Government is stated to have informed the British Chargé d'Affaires at Berlin that in the event of the Allies being unable to accept the refusal of the German Government to disband certain military formations, Germany would disavow the views on reparations expressed by the German delegates at the recent Brussels Conference. The British Foreign Office, however, up to that time had not received any such report from Berlin.

Germany's objection to further disarmament was discussed at a protracted sitting of the Cabinet. Lord d'Abernon, British Ambassador at Berlin, called at 10, Downing-street during the meeting of the Cabinet.

Lord d'Abernon, who has been attending the meeting of the Financial Commission sitting at Brussels, came specially to London to report to the Premier and his colleagues more fully than could be done in dispatches his views on the existing situation. Field-Marshal Sir Henry Wilson was also in consultation.

A semi-official statement issued in Paris states that under the Spa agreement of July 9 Germany promised the immediate disarmament of the Citizens' Guard and the Security Police.

In various Notes the German Government expressed inability to carry out certain of the demands for disarmament, especially in reference to the civic guards of Bavaria and East Prussia, owing to possible internal disorders and the Bolshevist menace

SOME POSER.

PROFESSOR'S QUAINT PROBLEM AT JUVENILE LECTURE.

If it takes 10lb. of buckies (giant whelks) to make 1lb. of rock-turbot, 10lb. of worms to make 1lb. of buckie, 10lb. of sea dust to make 1lb. of worms, how many pounds of turbot, buckies, worms, and sea dust does it take to make one small boy?

This was the problem, says the "Daily Graphic," set a large gathering of juveniles by Professor J. Arthur Thomson, weaver of golden stories for child lovers of nature, in the first of his Christmas lectures at the Royal Institution. The only answer was an outburst of delighted giggling.

The professor told of life, love and hunger on the seashore, and how the prawn, with its twelve pairs of curled feet to kick food into its mouth, evolved. The puffin, he said, came from the reptile family, because it moulted the covering of its bill, similar to a snake shedding its scales. Frogs and toads, except one small specimen in Manila, carefully avoided the seashore, probably because salt did not agree with them.

HOLDERS FOR LICENCES.

RETAILERS CHARGE MOTORISTS EXCESSIVE PRICES.

The Ministry of Transport is complaining of the price charged for the holders in which the new motor-car and other licences required by the Road Act are to be fixed.

"We took a great deal of trouble about these holders," said an official of the Ministry, "and decided that the minimum price was 3s. 6d.; at the outside it should not be more than 5s. Many retailers selling it at 8s. 6d. are telling their customers that the Ministry is responsible for the price, but we consider 5s. ample.

"People need not be frightened into paying 8s. 6d. to get the holder at once. While the Act has officially come into force, the Ministry will not for some time take any action against people who have not complied with it."

Cattle disease has spread to Birmingham.

Christmas over, Smithfield prices are falling.

Corps of volunteers for aerial defence of Paris is to be formed.

"For the Blood is the Life."

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UNEMPLOYED BATTLE.

POLICE CHARGE CROWD WITH BATONS.

With drawn batons, mounted and foot police charged a crowd of 1,000 unemployed at Islington and made several arrests, reports the "Daily Graphic." There were a number of casualties.

The men, who represented the unemployed in Willesden, St. Pancras, Stepney, Poplar, Islington, Acton, Lambeth, and other London boroughs, also the Stepney branch of the National Union of ex-Service Men, had marched with bands playing and flags flying from St. Pancras to Islington.

They passed the disused library from which unemployed were recently ejected, and found police posted at the windows. They then marched to the town hall, which was similarly guarded, and sent in a deputation to the authorities.

The result was apparently unsatisfactory, for the men attempted to rush the hall, but the police repelled them. Attack and counter-attack continued for nearly an hour before the police finally drew their batons and dispersed the crowd.

The Mayor of Islington (Councillor E. King) stated afterwards that the demonstrators were not genuine unemployed, but unemployables. Some of them had been offered work by the borough council, but had declined it. "Everything possible is being done for the genuine unemployed," he added, "and I refuse to be intimidated by these people."

CREW'S TERRIBLE ORDEAL.

75 DAYS' BATTLE IN THE ATLANTIC.

After battling for 75 days against Atlantic gales in futile efforts to reach the West Indies, the Norwegian barque Sirdal, bound from Christiansand to Barbados, was forced to seek shelter in Queenstown in a battered condition, with the crew sick and exhausted by fatigue and constant exposure, and with the loss of a man who was killed in falling from aloft in a gale.

The vessel left Christiansand in ballast on October 22. When in mid-Atlantic violent southerly gales drove her as far north as the coast of Labrador, and later to the coast of Iceland, says the "Daily Graphic."

With her starboard rail frequently under water there was grave danger of the vessel capsizing, and with the crew no longer capable of giving sufficient help the captain abandoned the voyage and made for Queenstown.

BETHMANN-HOLLWEG DEAD.

The death is announced from Berlin of Herr von Bethmann-Hollweg, who was German Chancellor at the time of the outbreak of war.

Bethmann-Hollweg was the fifth of the Imperial Chancellors, and when he was elected in 1909 he was hailed as a "Kaiserman," a type of official after the very heart of William of Hohenzollern.

His contempt for the Reichstag was supreme, and he earned the distinction of having several votes of censure passed upon him.

He will always go down to history as the author of the phrase "the scrap of paper"—his contemptuous reference to the treaties when justifying the German invasion of Belgium. He was the Kaiser's popular adviser during the war, and the revolution brought about his downfall.

VANDERBILT MILLIONS.

Five million dollars (about £1,332,000) is left to Consuelo Duchess of Marlborough by her father, the late Mr. William K. Vanderbilt, the American millionaire and racehorse owner.

Mr. Vanderbilt left 2,500,000 dollars, free of all charges, to the trustees of a marriage settlement of the duchess, and a further 2,500,000 dollars on trust for her and her issue. A million dollars (about £266,000) to each grandson—the Marquess of Blandford, Lord Ivor Churchill and William Kissam Vanderbilt.

The remainder of his estate he left to his two sons, William and Harold Vanderbilt. The estate in America is valued at "more than 1,000,000 dollars," in England at £3,193, and, it is estimated, in France at "up to 100,000,000 dollars."

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

PROPOSED NEW SCHEME UNACCEPTABLE TO BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The increases in teachers' salaries, recommended in the report by Lord Burnham's Committee, have not been endorsed by Mr H. A. L. Fisher, President of the Board of Education.

Mr. Fisher, in a letter to Lord Burnham, after a reference to the grave anxiety as to the financial position of the country, says that he cannot commit the Chancellor of the Exchequer "in a matter of such large financial importance" without careful consideration of the results of the Committee's labours.

NEWSPAPER OWNER'S DEATH.

Mr. C. D. Leng, 59, one of the proprietors of the "Sheffield Daily Telegraph" and allied journals, was found dead in his room, apparently as the result of a seizure. The elder son of the late Sir William Leng, he was one of the most prominent figures in English newspaper circles.

£18,000 FOR SEIZED LAND.

£18,000 compensation has been awarded to trustees of the late Sir C. W. Strickland, Bart., for 638 acres of land acquired compulsorily for Bridlington's town-planning scheme. An extra £300 was awarded for "sporting value."

The trustees had claimed £26,543.

95 YEARS IN A WORKHOUSE!

James Mackie, an inmate of Morpeth (Northumberland) Workhouse, has been in the institution for 95 years

He was born there in 1826 and has never missed a Christmas dinner since.

RONALD LIGHT FINED.

Ronald Light, who was acquitted in connection with the Leicester green bicycle case, has been fined two guineas at Hinckley for giving a false name at an hotel.

EPITOME OF NEWS.

Walthamstow is borrowing £500,000 for housing purposes.

Paris seeks a loan of £60,000,000.

An advance of 4s. a week is to be given to meat porters employed by Smithfield carriers.

M. Honsatto, a tenor, died from heart failure at Nice Opera House.

George Francis (5) was killed in a motor accident at Dyserth, near Rhyl.

Mr. J. S. Dugdale, K.C., Recorder of Birmingham, left £15,149.

Mining enginemen in Scotland have accepted the employers' offer of an advance of 1s. 6d. per shift.

Getting out of its depth and in the water 5½ hours, a chestnut cob had to be killed in the River Cherwell at Oxford.

Large quantities of Bolshevist literature are reaching Western Europe.

A rich gold reef has been found near Maryborough (Victoria) district.

Much valuable machinery has been destroyed by fire at the Derbyshire silica brick works.

Rumania has called Allied attention to the Bolshevist menace on her frontier.

At a Jewish wedding at Portsmouth the bridal cake weighed 1½cwt. and was carried on two poles.

Prince George, who passed out of the Temeraire as midshipman with seniority January 15, 1921, is appointed to the Iron Duke, the flagship on the Mediterranean station.

A hiccough illness has broken out in Oxford, one victim being a leading doctor.

Butterflies have been seen on the Isle of Wight Downs during the past week.

A West End theatre is to be run from February onwards as a Yiddish playhouse by a private syndicate, of which Mr. Ernest C. Rolls, with Mr. Paul Davidson, is at the head.

Parlour type municipal houses at Ilford are to be let at 11s. 6d. and 12s. 6d. a week.

The sixth child (a daughter) of Mr. and Mrs. James Smith, of Derby, was married on the anniversary of their golden wedding.

More than 1,000 workmen struck at Bellingham, S.E., where 250 houses are being erected, against a reduction of the pay of certain men from 2s. 1d. to 1s. 11d. per hour.

In a charge at Llanelly it was stated a colliers' club gave Christmas turkeys to men who drank the most beer in the year and fowls to lemonade and moderate drinkers.

Trials are being made at Liege of a gun with three times the range of that which bombarded Paris in 1918.

Sweeping over the province of Oviedo (Spain), a violent hurricane destroyed three villages and scores of farms.

To help the Bank of Barcelona over its difficulties, 50,000,000 pesetas (normally £2,000,000) in coin have been sent from Madrid.

Unless Greek relations with England and France are improved before February, Yugo-Slavia will not renew her treaty with Greece.

Sir Alfred Mond will pay a short visit to Palestine to confer with Sir Herbert Samuel regarding the Palestinian loan.

Five hundred beasts have been destroyed at Birmingham owing to the prevalence of foot and mouth disease.

Mr. Samuel Roberts, of Sheffield, has been adopted as Coalition Unionist candidate, and Alderman E. W. Langford, president of the National Farmers' Union, as anti-waste Liberal candidate, at the Hereford by-election.

Frederick Courter, an ex-soldier, was remanded at Brentwood, charged with burglariously entering the officers' mess of the Welsh Guards at Warley Barracks and stealing articles value £84.

Having attended the funeral of her husband, who died suddenly, Mrs. Durham, of Shephall, Herts, died while her daughter was giving the father's death notice to a local newspaper representative.

Ross Geddes, son of Sir Auckland Geddes, has sailed from New York to enter Rugby School.

Three band boys, said to be always in mischief, were prisoners on Christmas Day, but were liberated by the colonel's order to dine with their comrades. But they stole bicycles, bolted, and were recaptured at Bagshot. At Aldershot they were bound over.

Sir John Bethell, M.P., has offered a site at East Ham for the erection of a cottage homes memorial to Jack Cornwell, V.C.

Official denial is given to the report that the Spanish Ambassador in London, Don Merry de Val, is to be transferred to Rome.

Mr. Robert Birkbeck, of 20, Berkeley-square, and Kinloch House, Invergarry, left £104,804; the Rev. Joseph Lowe (90), for 40 years vicar of Haltwhistle, Northumberland, left £86,465; and Mr. C. Gregory, of Marlow, a member of the Royal Society of Painters in Water Colours, left £184.

The monitor General Crawford, built during the war, is for sale.

Stocks of glue and gelatine valued at £30,000 have been destroyed by fire at Lincoln.

To deal with a solitary charge of begging, there were present at Kingston Police-court recently two magistrates, two clerks, three uniformed policemen, three detectives, four newspaper reporters, and four members of the general public.

For rescuing six men from drowning, by means of poles and an improvised raft, the name of Mr. Henry Smith, Hope-street, Maidstone, is to be brought to the notice of the Royal Humane Society.

Southampton Town Council broke up in disorder the other night through a Labour member refusing to withdraw a statement accusing the deputy mayor of "issuing lies" to the public in connection with the recent tramway strike.

In order to investigate the disease "elephantiasis," in which the skin of people affected becomes enormously thickened and rough like an elephant's hide, a special mission to British Guiana is being arranged to leave in the spring.

Pleading guilty to embezzling £20 from the West Ham Board of Guardians, John Edwin Sheehan, 39, the superintendent relieving officer, was at West Ham sentenced to six months' imprisonment in the second division.

Ancient musical instruments, dating from the time of the early Britons, are being added to the museum in the Guildhall School of Music, John Carpenter-street, E.C., and will be on view when the school opens on January 10.