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Our merits 2. Objects and subjects.

newspaper should at least pretend to feel uncomfortably shy when referring to its own merits, especially when it has not got any. The "Arrow" might follow the modest example of the Hobart Mercury and spread itself as "The Ideal Bi-weekly Journal" because all the news (especially the cable news) is authentic - The Stopper for the Sea Sickly - . As yet we are not certain of any special merit for our copy is quite useless for shaving paper and it is not required to light the morning fire on board. But amongst fourteen hundred or so able bodied and vigorously minded men there should be several not altogether mute and perhaps altogether inglorious lanks - not venturing so far as to mention Miltons, Shakespeares and the like - and if we succeed in bringing these into print we shall have at least achieved some merit.

LETTERS - yes, verily even of the Limerick type, - will not be necessarily excluded from our sheets. We are open to advertisement but not to bribery - witness the cheapness of this one first historical issue. All contributions will be hopefully received and we would remind our literary aspirants that brevity is the "soul of wit" and bad handwriting the distraction of the editorial staff. Items will be arranged more or less under the following heads - 1. Leading article - as we in common with most newspapers regard the usual leading article as a waste of time space paper and printer's ink, ours if there is one will be short and sharp, in fact it will be all point. 2. Local and general: Things which do not happen on board and things we hear and have to pretend not to. 3. Cable items: Dispatched from all points of our known world; special truthful correspondence from Rodermales, Srennav, Dnarg, Belyvedsting, Liocozitr and other undesirable localities darkly mentioned in obscure nautical cookery like-wise saloons and other high places where they smoke. 4. Answers to correspondents delivered straight from the ~~box~~ left shoulder. 5. Letters to the Editor. To be written on one side of the ~~paper~~ paper only - Stamping to be left as usual to the Editor. 6. Losses, Founds, Ants etc. There are many of these at sea and in it. 7. Humour (alleged) and rumour (not official or even reliable). 8. Sporting Column (now that we have our "sea legs"). 9. ARROW COLUMN. This opens up wide fields for the imagination.

Even serious articles of literary merit (shortness is a merit) will be gratefully accepted if not published. All contributions must be sent to "A" where they will be dealt with by the perspiring proprietor and his discredited agents. The office of printer's devil being still vacant they will be committed not to the fire but to the water. Any article which is too glowing for publication will be subjected to a cold water bath. We should like to announce to anyone that thinks our subscription excessive that all profits after payment of expenses will be divided among the various regimental funds, so it will be all the same thing in the end as the pig remarked when ~~knocked~~ he swallowed the string of sausages.

Chapelets. Fresh but not too spicy will be specially welcomed - even as it is written by J.S. Gilbert "The world has joked incessantly for more than fifty centuries and every joke that's possible has long ago been made" but we are still hopeful and to our readers we would say "if you hear the expression of a merry thought that fiddles your funny bone make a note of it and hand it in immediately". LEST YE FORGET. "The Arava Lyra". We gratefully acknowledge receipt of a copy of the one and only issue of our predecessor on board "The Arava Lyra" (spelt this way out of becoming modesty). This was issued by the L.R.'s. and we have pleasure in announcing that its promoters joined our staff of reporters, preverters, prevaricators, etc. etc.

Local and general. A sharp shock of sea quake was experienced in the "Sharp end" of the ship at 3 o'clock on Friday morning. There was a considerable flutter at the moment caused by the stampede of horses and clanking of falling stowails and it is related that at least one of the "stowaways" of the Grand Hotel "saw time" in the fore lock and walked on

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We hear :- That many complaints have been made regarding the quality of Hobart Beer. From the sample here before us we think the complaints quite justified.

That the O.C. of the column on the route march was the only man in step.

That the O.C. Ship and O.C.M.R.'s are assiduously training with the object of competing in the (AllComers) walking contest at Berlin after capitulation.

That the Adjutant N.E.s. did not forcibly take a Trooper's rifle on the route march in Hobart as has been freely stated.

That a certain R.S.M. was given and gave freely in return the 'glad-eye' on the route march.

That in view of the fact that the F.Z. Troops are to visit the Pyramids the Egyptian Government has decided to remove the mummies.

That the men will be allowed under the supervision of their Officers to fish for red herrings while the ship is in the Red Sea. This is not official.

That the stewed apples in the Grand and Clarendon Hotels on Friday gave a number of the men all the sensations and abdominal exercises of mal-de-mer.

"Ubique" contributes the following tit-bits:-

It is evident that the youth and beauty of Hobart as represented at the Arava's send-off think the Artillery the best looking men when seen in a dim light and that is why they gave this arm a garland of flowers.

As this is a truthful journal it should be mentioned that after the great boat race Col. Johnston was interviewed by a deputation of well known sports of Apple Town who put up a big offer to purchase the discharges of several of the winning crew with a view to becoming professionals.

"Ubique" enquires:- That was the name of the man who prepared to white-wash the "last post" on the Pos'clehead but refused to obey the demand owing to the white wash brush being otherwise engaged.

Answers to Correspondents.

Non. Com. We do not wish to state here why the Policeman accompanied the O.C. on the route march at Hobart.

Silly. My enquire? There was nothing brought aboard that was not paid for.

Trooper. Yes, officers do shave every morning, but never in cold tea.

Innocent. The article of clothing used by a Hobart lady to farewell troops is one that none of our staff has seen before, therefore we cannot name it.

Ludder. We cannot state with certainty that Col. Malone's hands were blistered. Enquire of the genial Colonel himself or of the Doctor.

Trooper Pull-up. The medal will have three clasps, namely, Awapuni, Tretham and Arava, Clasps have not been awarded for Highden, Ashurst and Hobart, also we do not know the colour of the ribbon. Will enquire.

Marker. Many thanks. No room on present target for stray shots as it happens. Will score a hit next time.

Attention. We are not in the position to state whether it is the intention of the Ship's Adjutant to join the Choir.

Robbie. A Scotch Corporal should not do it.

The following information was obtained from the records of the Office of the Director of National Security on the subject of the activities of the Communist Party of the United States of America (CPUSA) in the State of New York.
The CPUSA in New York has been active in the promotion of the Communist Party's policies and in the recruitment of members to the Party. It has also been active in the promotion of the Party's policies in the State of New York.
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Appreciation of the situation
(Jolly, uncomfortable)

1. Object. Avoid the "Red de Marmalade"
2. Information (a) Enemy - ask anybody
(b) Ourselves - "we are but little children weak
our language are all strong
and when the ship goes a little and
break
we can't contain it long"
- (c) Relevant factors.

Relative numbers - 14 courses and 27 units

Distribution - see the menu "cast thy bread upon the waters"
and then gather up the fragments of yourself in baskets

Armament - two crowned beams and several stoppings - quite useless
however in stopping the enemy's advances

Re-inforcements - no use stuffing with general military maxims

Lines of communication - via gullet quite uninterrupted

Space and time - a great space can be covered in quite a short time
if the enemy is at hand

Positions - on the coasted one. Come to the axis forward-bend position
-tion, Two, Bend the trunk forward from the hips - head well over
the taffrail. Three, Draw the stomach up into the chest or near the
roof of the mouth as possible. On the command "sing" - nature will
do the rest

Initiative. Lies with the enemy entirely

Character of Commander of enemy. Britannia has no character - wit-
ness her scanty grub on a penny

Maxims to remember (a) Concentration at vital point to be sought
for not detachment

(b) Superior lines without time and space may
lead to destruction "of the carpet"

(c) Concealment useless - even if you hide
under your bunk

Remember always swift movement, vigorous action, and get well
over the rail

3. Courses open (a) to enemy 1st. course we're in the soup
2nd. course rather fishy
3rd. course a rather peculiar savour of
a fowl pibby
4th. course swish and well
(b) to ourselves. Starting point tummy, straight
the gullet, finishing point
the mouth, which is of course
open

4. Plan. Phil may, but I must.

WANTED NOTICE: That the majority of those who competed in the boat
race were firm believers in manual labour for the
present

That hand blisters not being part of the military
outfit are not allowed on such expeditions

That a special prize will be awarded on the best/ on
"The Beerless Invasion of Ushant"

That a Peabody Peeler's Championship is to be includ-
ed in the starting Sports Meeting. This event must be
concluded before 11 a.m. & Two entries or no-second
prize. Row will defend the Championship

WANTED NOTICE: Food rapidly unobtainable in the Clarence and
Grand Hotels at all hours of the day and night. Meals
three times a day - very unhappy returns

A huge appetite heaved overboard into Tassan Sea. This
was a genuine vacancy until filled at Hobart with 17 ap-
ples and 5 cranfish. The vacancy promptly re-asserted it-
self the same evening

Runners used to sailing the War Coy or Truth wanted in any
numbers at this office.

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