

## Queer History Of "Tipperary" Which Became Song Of An Empire

*Described as "a mediocre actor, who ran a fish-shop by day, Jack Judge, the composer of "Tipperary," has just died. His song has a strange history. Written two years before the Great War, it became the tune of the Empire.*

IN the war year of 1914 "Tipperary" was already ancient (as popular songs go), and had it not been an old favourite, it could never have "caught on" so readily as a marching song. It is at least two years older than the war.

It was included in the "Wonderland" selection of popular songs at the end of 1913, but its presence there was a matter of some surprise to those who remember a ribald parody of it (and a song must be pretty generally known before it can be parodied) that was in existence, for a fact, the previous February.

The song was one of a minor spate of Irish-flavoured songs that sprang into popularity in England, paradoxically enough, during the struggle for Home Rule.

There was never anything military about it; indeed, it was not originally composed in march-time. But in September, 1914, it was reissued as a patriotic song with a portrait of King George on the cover, and its sales ran into millions.

It is recorded that Jack Judge wrote the words and music of "Tipperary" as a result of a wager that he could not write a song and produce it in a day. The author-composer not only won his wager, but he sang it to such good purpose the same evening at the Grand Theatre, Stalybridge, that he held up the show.

On the cover of "It's a Long, Long Way to Tipperary" are the words: "As sung by the English Expeditionary Force while marching through France," also "Written and Composed by Jack Judge and Harry Williams."

One well might ask whose are the words, and whose is the music? Jack Judge was once described as being "a mediocre actor, who ran a fish-shop by day." A man named Harry Williams lent him money to finance the shop, and shared in the returns from Judge's song, his name appearing on it as co-author.

His family claimed that he wrote it, and after his death in 1924 repeated the claim on his tombstone, but it was probably Judge's song.

Side by side with the words of the chorus printed on the cover of the song is an interesting announcement in a little panel to the left, which says: "Extract from 'The Herald,' Wednesday, August 19, 1914:—

### With French to the Front.

"Chanting the stirring lines of 'The Marseillaise' and joyously singing 'It's a Long, Long Way to Tipperary,' the khaki-clad columns of the finest ex-

peditionary force England has ever dispatched from her shores marched amid rolling bursts of cheers through the narrow streets of Boulogne."

Little wonder many puzzled French people thought Tipperary must have been a big place, since so many soldiers sang of their girls they had left there.

Rather curious, too, is an extract from the "Adelaide Advertiser," which shows that the song was no exclusive property of the Army. It is headed:—

### War News!

"It's a Long, Long Way to Tipperary."

"No more convincing evidence of the heroism of the British Jack Tar could be afforded than the cheerfulness with which the sailors of the three armed cruisers sunk by the Germans regarded the situation when they were swimming about in the cold water, hoping to grasp something that would keep them afloat till help arrived. The story told by Mr. Dougherty, the chief gunner of the Oressy, published by the "Advertiser" recently, must have caused every reader of it to feel that 'There's something in the British after all,' and to admire to the fullest degree the courage and light-heartedness displayed by the ill-fated men. One of the most pathetic parts was the reference to a popular vaudeville song, 'It's a Long, Long Way to Tipperary.' Mr. Dougherty says that when they were all in the water they shouted cheering messages to one another, and one of them was the title of the song mentioned. When the British Expeditionary Force landed in France they sang throughout their march to the front, and "Tipperary" was the most favoured of the marching songs.

### UNIQUE PRODUCTION. "FUN MAP" OF NEW ZEALAND

THERE has just been issued by the New Zealand Government Tourist Department a "Fun Map of New Zealand." The publication is a large-size sketch-map, subtly dramatising in humorous but persuasive fashion the various regional features of interest throughout New Zealand. It is exceedingly well printed in colour. On the reverse side of the map are given serious details of the Dominion's tourist attractions, with photographic illustrations and useful data.

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