

THEY FARE VERY WELL

CANADA IS VERY KIND TO PRISONERS OF WAR.

German and Austrian Reservists at Fort Henry are Paid \$1 a Day for Work They Do, and are Allowed to Put in Spare Time Playing Football.

By Eugene Black, in Toronto Star Weekly.

On the crest of a bald slope across the harbor from the city of Kingston, Canada, is an old-fashioned box of limestone and cement that for the last seventy-five years has borne the title of "Fort Henry."

Fort Henry has come, into its own these days. After waiting three quarters of a century for some intrepid United Stateser to so much as aim a peashooter at its walls, it commenced in August, 1914, to pay some slight dividend on its capital investment of four million good British dollars.

Two hundred Germans and Austrian reservists are now corralled inside a set of gates that had to be dug clear of shale to enable them to close. One hundred and sixty-five officers and men of the Princess of Wales Own Rifles "man" the ramparts, fully armed, ready for the effluence of all businesses. Sentries made against the grey old skyline, and guards are "relieved" and challenges are delivered much as in the gone days, when Count Frontenac parleyed or perforated the Indian tribes that barred his ambitions.

These two hundred King's prisoners are just about as happy a lot of fellows as can be found off a battlefield. Most of them seemed to tally delighted when apprehended as abettors of the enemy and locked up in a fine big playground. They have all the benefits of a good summer hotel, "excellent cuisine," beautiful view, music with meals, and are never insulted with a board bill.

More than that, those who are willing to work are given employment as carpenters, masons, laborers, etc., and paid by the Canadian government at very reasonable wages. The old fort which has shed the rains and winds since 1813, begins to show punctures in the wooden rafters and dry-rot in the window sashes; therefore new rafters and new sashes are necessary.

Then, too, the government anticipates a few hundred more guests and fresh rooms have to be prepared. There is a suggestion in official quarters that the Canadian forts be employed for herding German and Austrian prisoners from scenes of conflict, and this may easily be carried into effect.

But there are a good many of the Fort Henry population too surprised or too mullish to do day labor, and to impress upon such persons, the never-ending magnanimity of the British people in time of war, they are allowed to devote their prison hours to amusement. Footballs were even provided, and Germany and Austria elbow and shunt each other at a pleasant hour of soccer. Some days the kaiserists make it six to two, and other days the Josephians score a whitewash.

Meal time brings the prisoners of war exactly the same rations as the military guards. Doctors examine and dispense among them without discrimination. The water they swallow is microscopically diagnosed and sanitary perfection has been provided to the utmost. So does Canada pave the path for two hundred sets of naturalization papers some fine day when "William the Wed" is stripped of his halo in the van of a retreating army.

The kaiser's confidence in the world-wide patriotism of the German people would be sadly shaken if he knew that the Canadian government has allied thousands of German prisoners their liberty on parole and nearly all have been glad to seize any such technically as a shelter from their military oaths.

The Austrian prisoners-of-war in Canada are mostly laborers and sailors, relieved from duty on British



"SOMEWHERE UP IN THE NORTH SEA." This picture has special significance in view of the recent operations of the British navy in the North Sea and on account of the number of Canada's representation in the navy.

vessels and turned adrift. Naturally they headed for the United States border on the advice of their consuls and the secret agents who still, undoubtedly, infest the country. The Germans include a few army officers and several whose actions identified them as spies beyond question. The German majority, however, are sailors, but of the class occupying good positions, such as engineers and stewards. In point of daily conduct and disposition, the officers in charge at Fort Henry have no complaint against their wards, who are described as "a happy, contented, and clean-living lot of men."

LIVING IN THE COUNTRY.

Primeval Joy of Outdoor Life Denied to City Dwellers.

The Breeder's Gazette. The world was meant for living in. There are certain primeval joys in life that we do not share. Among them are the sweet breath of the outdoors, the coolness of the dewy mornings, the warmth and the glory of the sun, the health and coolness of the breezes, the joy of muscled feet attuned and the joy of friendship with well chosen comrades.

All these simple values belong especially to country living, and there are many more of them of like character, like the feel of good horse between one's legs, the push of one's muscle against some congenial task, and the watching of the development of growing things. To make a list of country life's joys would be a too long a task, but among the things of chief import are the sleeping in the outer air in rooms so airy as to be like the outdoors, and the fine health that follows right living.

A Sticker For Pop. "Pa, when I look in a mirror the left side of my face seems to be the right side and the right side the left."

General Villa has informed the United States government that unless something unforeseen occurs, hostilities in Mexico are at an end, and that he will support any provisional government set up by the national convention at Aguascalientes.

Rains are greatly interfering with the German campaign in Russian Poland. The Russians have lost 40,000 men in their efforts to capture Przemysl. Servians and Montenegrins have completely enveloped Sarajevo.

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CAMPAIGNING ENDED

WHY KITCHENER QUIT IN THE FRANCO-PRUSSIAN WAR.

He Was Up In a French Balloon Reconnoitering and Developed Congestion of the Lungs—Wounds He Had Received.

By La Marquise de Fontenay.

While many people are now aware of the fact that Lord Kitchener took part in the Franco-German war of 1870, as a volunteer, under the French flag, I have not seen it mentioned anywhere how his campaigning was brought to a sudden close. While reconnoitering at Laval, with a couple of officers, in a balloon, they were forced to go up too high, in order to escape the German fire, that the sudden and intense cold of the higher regions of the air, caused him to develop a congestion of the lungs, to which he almost succumbed.

Kitchener did not, strictly speaking, serve in the ranks on that occasion. For it was known that he had graduated with flying colors from the Royal Military Academy at Woolwich, and had qualified for a commission in the Royal Engineers, for which he was waiting. His father, Colonel Henry Kitchener, of the 13th Light Dragoons, made his home at Dinan for the last thirty-five years of his life, occupied a very picturesque old manor house in the suburbs of that picturesque city, celebrated in connection with the great Breton hero Du Guesclin, and was on terms of intimacy with all the old Breton aristocracy of the district, as well as with the officers of the neighboring garrison. In this way the young Woolwich graduate, the field-marshal of to-day, secured permission to accompany as a guest the officers of one of the regiments on active service, and to this take part in the campaign. Lord Kitchener's father died at a very advanced age in 1893. But his widow, the stepmother of Lord Kitchener, still survives, to the best of my knowledge, and it is to her that I am indebted for the little anecdote of Lord Kitchener's campaigning in 1870, she was living until recently at Dinan, where Lord Kitchener had spent all his holidays as a boy, and also when on leave at Woolwich. He was twelve years of age when his father married a second time, and was very fond of his stepmother, and after his father's death, never failed, when on leave in England from Egypt, to run across the channel to Dinan to visit her, and his half-sister, Henrietta, still unmarried.

Providing Lord Kitchener remains unmarried, his earldom, his viscounty, and his barony, will go at his death to his eldest brother, Col. Henry Kitchener, a veteran of the Burmah campaign, who was stationed for a long time in Jamaica. Next in line comes to colonel's son, Commander Henry Kitchener, of the royal navy, who is still unmarried; and failing him, Henry Hamilton Kitchener, the only surviving son of the field-marshal's younger brother, the late General Frederick Kitchener, who was governor of Bermuda.

It is not true that Lord Kitchener was wounded in the Franco-German war. The only wounds which he sustained in all his years of campaigning were a slight wound inflicted in an attack by Arab bandits on his camp, when he was in charge of the survey of Palestine, as a young lieutenant of Royal Engineers, and on another occasion during the early stages of the war for the reconquest of the Sudan, when he likewise sustained a slight injury, of little account, from a British bullet. The most serious injury that he ever sustained was through his horse falling upon him and breaking his leg, while he was in command of the British military forces in India.

To the rumors that the Krupp works at Essen are building fifty-six centimetre guns has now been added another—the claim that the same plant is turning out sixty-centimetre pieces.

Kaiser Victor Emmanuel is going to Taranto shortly to review the Italian fleet, which has been secretly mobilized by the Duke of Abruzzi, the commander-in-chief of the Italian naval forces.

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Every Canadian consumed, during 1913, approximately \$67.54 worth of imported goods. Every Canadian thereby sent sixty-seven dollars of Canadian money to enrich some other country, to keep foreign workmen employed.

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By purchasing only goods "Made in Canada" you can help to keep a good share of this 675 million dollars at home, you can bring about a greater prosperity than Canada has ever known.

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LATEST SCIENTIFIC FEAT HAS ITS DISADVANTAGES.

Device For Seeing Over Telephone Wire Would Wreck Many Young Dreams.

The Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Once more that insidious rumor bobs up. We refer to the statement that a device has been perfected whereby we can see each other over the telephone.

But isn't this about the last thing we desire to do? Imagine the case of the woman who sits down at the party line "phone Monday morning to have a nice visit with the woman three houses up the street. Would she want even her dearest friend to see her uncombed dishably? Not perceptibly.

Think of the fussy little man who rips and rants at the 'phone because he can't get a discontinued number. Would he want even a telephone girl to giggle at his inflamed face, his popping eyes, his sandy whisps of whiskers? Surely not.

Would it add to the comfort of a nagging wife to glance through the tell-tale wire and get a look at the powdery peachiness of hubby's steno-grapher? Don't think it.

And when the sentimental man hears the beautiful voice over the 'phone and builds romantic bungalows around it, and paints, in fancy, the charms that might be supposed to go with it, would it do him any good to discover the explosive voice was in close company with a squint and extra-size freckles?

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