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ONTARIO INFANTRYMEN NOW IN THE TRENCHES

And the Province May Expect a Casualty List.

TORONTO HIGHLANDERS ARE LIKELY WITH THE BRIGADE AT THE FRONT.

Col. M. S. Mercer or Col. R. E. W. Turner is in Command of the Portion of the Contingent On the Firing Line.

Toronto, Feb. 15.—According to cables this morning, one of Canada's infantry brigades of the first contingent has taken its place in the trenches, and it is thought here that to the first, or the Ontario infantry brigade, has fallen that honor. This brigade is composed of the first, second, third and fourth overseas battalions, and is made up entirely of men from Ontario infantry regiments commanded by Col. M. S. Mercer, of Toronto. It is quite possible, however, that the 2nd or Highland brigade, commanded by Col. R. E. W. Turner, of Quebec, may be the one that has been sent first into action. This brigade includes the 48th Highlanders, Toronto, commanded by Lieut.-Col. John Currie, M.P., and containing many men from other parts of the province.

In any event, it is quite evident that many Ontario boys are already in the thick of it, in addition to the Princess Patricia's. The general impression here is that Ontario had now better brace herself for casualty lists, which will hit home, and very severely.

ANOTHER CANADER SAFELY IN PORT Did Not Encounter Any of the German Submarines Reported About.

Liverpool, Feb. 15.—The Cunard liner Franconia, New York to Liverpool, arrived here, to-day, without encountering any of the German submarines reported off the west coast of England. Special precautions were taken, however, to guard against an attack.

The Franconia sailed from New York on February 6th. Each night her portholes and skylights were blanketed and only her port starboard and foremast lights were displayed.

Colonel Rathbun Honored.

Deseronto, Ont., Feb. 15.—Citizens of Deseronto, irrespective of class or creed, crowded Naylor's Theatre on Saturday evening to say good-bye to Lieut.-Col. E. Walter Rathbun, commander of the 9th Artillery Brigade, which is to sail with the second contingent for service abroad. Dr. Newton, an old time friend of the colonel's father, presided, being supported by A. A. Richardson, ex-M.P.P. Rural Dean Cressman read a splendidly worded address to Col. Rathbun, who was visibly moved. In his reply, the colonel made a plea for young men to give themselves to the empire in her hour of need.

Mrs. Rathbun was presented with a beautiful bouquet on behalf of the committee in charge. Col. Ponton, of Belleville, made a most eulogistic address.

Appreciative references to the late Hon. Robert Jaffray were made by Senators Loughheed, Brostock and Kerr at the opening session of the senate.

Molly Morton, Toronto, a ten-year-old girl, shot a boy playmate who loitered on a backyard fence.

"AEROPLANE INVASION" NOTHING MORE THAN JOKE

Which was Perpetrated by a Party of Men at Morris-town, N.Y.—Brockville Was Scared by Toy Balloons.

Brockville, Feb. 15.—There are no further details this morning regarding the alleged crossing of the St. Lawrence river at this point by aeroplanes, supposed to have come from Morris-town, N.Y., which news was telephoned to Ottawa, with the result that the dominion capital was thrown into consternation and darkness. Brockville this morning woke up and wondered what it ate before going to bed last night.

Toy Balloons Caused Scare.

Syracuse, N.Y., Feb. 15.—Toy balloons sent up from Watertown by town cut-ups caused those aeroplane scares at Brockville and Ottawa.

Making Enquiry.

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—Despite the assurance from New York state that the aeroplane scare, last night, was nothing

A BIG APPROPRIATION.

London, Feb. 15.—Ten billion dollars have been appropriated by the allies, thus far, in the most expensive war, from the standpoint of human lives, dollars and war material, ever waged, so David Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer, asserted in the House of Commons, this afternoon. The chancellor, however, assured the members that there was no danger that England's resources or the resources of any of her allies would be exhausted in the near future.

BAYONET CHARGE.

Was Made on Skis; First Time in History.

London, Feb. 15.—The Daily Chronicle correspondent at Geneva telegraphs: "The first bayonet charge on skis occurred yesterday in the Vosges, near Col du Bonhomme. Forty Alsatian chausseurs and two officers, who had been cut off, were asked to surrender. Instead they charged down the slopes on skis into the German trenches. A terrible struggle ensued. All the French were killed but the German losses were double.

A thrilling battle between a Zeppelin and three aeroplanes was witnessed Saturday afternoon by thousands of men in the German and French trenches, a little south of Muelhausen. The Zeppelin, coming from the Black Forest, and sailing towards Belfort, was met by the aeroplanes, which were flying much lower.

The great airship accepted battle, and the fight began, lasting forty minutes. Both sides fired continuously and manoeuvred marvelously. It was the aim of the aeroplanes to get above the Zeppelin. They almost succeeded when the German aircraft retired northwards at great speed."

WILL OPERATE AT FRONT.

Uses Automobiles Captured by British From Germans.

Paris, Feb. 15.—A new model travelling hospital left Paris Saturday, with the purpose of attending serious cases at the front. The expedition consists of six automobile vans, one of which is an operating theatre. One car is fitted with a heater for the sterilization of bandages and instruments. There are four cars for the personnel—five surgeons, two general practitioners, and forty trained hospital attendants. The hospital will be established within the next fortnight.

KAISER WILHELM IS MUCH IRRITATED

Over the Anti-American Feeling Developed at His Capital.

The Hague, Feb. 15.—Kaiser Wilhelm is irritated at the growth of an anti-American feeling in his capital. He has let it be known that he disapproves of some of the angry comments of the Berlin press and Berlin newspapers, to-day, exhibited more restraint in dealing with the United States note.

This information was contained in despatches from Berlin to-day. It carried the semi-official confirmation of the report that the emperor had invited United States Ambassador Gerard to his headquarters, near the eastern battle front, to discuss the situation, which is admitted serious.

Everyone Slain.

London, Feb. 15.—A force of 200 Turks and Arabs, under German officers, who were preparing to attack the British station of Tor, at the entrance to the Gulf of Suez, were attacked and either killed or taken prisoner Friday by a British force, according to a British official report from Cairo. One hundred soldiers were taken prisoners, and of the others not one escaped death.

Sarah Bernhardt Has Operation.

Bordeaux, Feb. 15.—Sarah Bernhardt, after consulting a professor of the Faculty of Medicine here, underwent an operation for an affection of the knee at the Hospital St. Augustine of Arzac. Mme. Bernhardt has been suffering severely for many months and it is believed that the operation will effect a complete cure.

Supply of Oats Seized.

Berlin, Feb. 15.—The Bundesrath decided to expropriate all the domestic stocks of oats with the exception of seed oats and the grain necessary for fodder for horses. The order becomes effective February 16th.

"Buy Listeners" at Gibson's.

Jamies Croelman, the noted war correspondent, is dead.

BRITAIN-AMERICA

PEACE CENTENARY HYMN.

(February 14, 1815—February 14, 1915.)

Father of all mankind,
Whose love the world shall bind
In concord dear—
Owing Thy sovereign will,
May we Thy word fulfill,
Serving Thy kingdom still,
With hearts sincere.

Heirs of one glorious past,
Long as the stars shall last
Be this our song:
Brothers, by hearths of fire—
Brothers, on sea and shore—
Brothers forever more!
Faithful and strong,

Vainly, between such souls,
The storm-swept ocean rolls:
Still, still we sing—
'Till Time's last sands are spent,
This prayer to Heaven be sent:
'God bless the President!
God save the King!"

Our father's God whose hand
The century hath spanned
With love and grace—
The years to come enfold
With kindness as of old,
Thy mercy manifold
To us be shown!

May all the nations share,
Lord God, Thy gracious care—
Thy name adore,
Praise to the Prince of Peace!
His kingdom still increase,
'Till wrong and war shall cease
Forever more!

IS GERMANY PLANNING INVASION OF HOLLAND?

The Dutch Coast Harbors Are the Goal of the Enemy's Forces.

London, Feb. 15.—Events in Holland in the near future form the subject of anxious concern in England. It is alleged that Germany is massing an army on the eastern frontier of the little state, menacing it with the fate of Belgium in order to seize Rotterdam. Germans are said to be acting on the pretence that England is planning an invasion of Holland.

The fact is recalled that when the German armies were gathering on the frontier of Belgium, Berlin explained that these steps were taken in fear of a threatened French invasion of Germany through Belgium. It is feared here that the failure of the Kaiser's army to take Calais may tempt German authorities to try to occupy Dutch coast harbors. It is asserted that German troops already have violated Dutch neutrality more than once, and that German airships are continually committing like acts.

Reports that the allies are applying duress to Holland to induce it to join them are said here to lack foundation. England's policy is to permit every state liberty of choice. If Germany respects Holland's neutrality, England certainly will respect it. If Germany invades Holland, it goes without saying that England will aid that country as it is aiding Belgium.

UNITED STATES NOTE DISTURBS GERMANY

The Text Has Been Sent to the Kaiser on the Eastern Front.

Berlin, Feb. 15.—(via wireless).—It is admitted that the German Foreign Office considers the American note protesting against the proposed blockade has greatly complicated the international situation. The imperial chancery has some over the outlines of the note with the foreign secretary. The position already assumed is that it will have to be made the subject of a cabinet council.

No reply will be made at present. It is understood that the text of the message has been communicated to the Kaiser, who is at the eastern front, and that the chancellor will leave at once to confer with him.

Blitties recognizing the possible blitties presented by this latest message sent by the United States, it is insisted in the highest official circles that Germany cannot change her position. It is vital, the emperor and his advisers have agreed, that England's commerce must be checked and the blockade will be enforced commencing Thursday.

PRZEMYSL GARRISON FED ON HORSEFLESH

All Other Meats Consumed and Commandant Will Resort to Leather Rations.

Petrograd, Feb. 15.—Austrian deserters from the fortress of Przemyśl who entered the Russian lines state that the only meat rations now consist of preserved horse flesh prepared in the works within the fortress. The commander says that he will not surrender Przemyśl until the soldiers are compelled to eat their own boots. Recently 700 porters and drivers, mostly Poles and Jews, were ordered to leave the fortress owing to the lack of food. They came to the Russians, who sent them back, but the commandant insisted on their leaving town. Finally the Russians out of pity, accepted the people, who declare that the garrison in the town numbers 25,000.

"Pure Castile Soap," at Gibson's.

COLD-BLOODED MURDER

Advocated Now by German Paper, is Report.

London, Feb. 15.—The Daily Express correspondent telegraphs from Amsterdam: "Germany is beginning to realize that the impending blockade of England may not, after all, be sufficient to bring about Great Britain's doom, and the German press, under instructions from Grand Admiral Von Tirpitz's press bureau, is launching schemes to improve the blockade."

The Deutsche Montags Zeitung publishes an open letter to Grand Admiral Von Tirpitz, in which the following savage policy is advocated: "As long as our blockade only destroys ships and goods, it remains for England a question of money. Ships that are sunk are written off as a business expenditure, and the fight is unequal because Britain puts in only money, while we put in our good men."

British ships will be different when British passengers are drowned. Persons acquainted with the psychology of England know that the German blockade will be effective only if it costs the lives of many English women and men."

STRUCK BY A TRAIN.

Three Persons Were Killed by a Flying Express.

London, Feb. 15.—Alexander D. McLean, formerly of Aldborough Township, his son Ross, aged fourteen, and his daughter Elizabeth, aged six, were killed at Bellevue, Sunday night, when an express, running fifty miles an hour, crashed into their cutter five minutes after they left their home. Jean, aged ten, sustained internal injuries which may cause her death.

Fit Of Anger Kills Baby.

Detroit, Feb. 15.—Holding his breath in a fit of anger because his mother attempted to wash some chocolate stains from his face, Leo Hutton, one year old, defied all attempts to make him breathe, and, while a physician struggled with him in vain, the youngster died. Coroner Rothacher, who was called to investigate, gave the cause of death as "strangulation from holding breath."

Mexico Claims 20,000 Volunteers.

Mexico City, Feb. 15.—Twenty thousand workers have offered to enlist in the army of Gen. Venustiano Carranza, according to a report given out at Carranza headquarters here.

One hundred thousand dollars in coins of small denominations was shipped into the city to-day by order of General Carranza. This will permit ordinary business transactions to be carried on, there having been no small coins in the city with which to make change.

Auto Has Complete Drug Store.

New York, Feb. 15.—A big motor ambulance equipped with a small but complete drug store and 6,000 kits has been shipped to Paris for use of the French soldiers at the front by the Lafayette Fund Association on the French liner Niagara. Money to purchase the ambulance and kits was raised through the medium of the fox trot and the one-step.

Italy Buys 600,000 Blankets.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—Contracts for the purchase of 600,000 pairs of blankets for the Italian government are announced here. Shipments will begin in 10 days and will consist of 30,000 pairs weekly, for 16 weeks, and then 10,000 pairs each week. The contracts total \$1,500,000.

Cabinet Of Peru Resigns.

Lima, Peru, Feb. 15.—The ministerial crisis which became acute at the end of last month, when the introduction into congress of the budget brought about a discussion of the country's finances, culminated to-day in the resignation of the entire cabinet.

SHOWED PRINCE OF WALES THROUGH THE HOSPITAL

Sergt.-Major H. E. Law, of Kingston, Had This Honor at Le Touquet, France, on the 29th of January.

Sergt.-Major H. E. Law, writing to F. R. Fenn, of the Whig staff, from the Canadian stationary hospital at Le Touquet, France, on January 31st, says: "The Prince of Wales was here on the 29th inst. He came with two other officers to inspect the Canadian hospital. I had the pleasure of showing him the rounds of the hospital. He spoke to a great number of the patients. He spoke to one German prisoner of war, who was treating me in our hospital. It was surprising to see the German sit up and take notice when the Prince of Wales spoke to him in his native tongue.

"His royal highness seemed pleased with the hospital. He signed in the visitors' book at Edward."

"There has been some heavy fighting this week, and I am informed that the Germans tried to break the British lines, the Kaiser himself directing the movement, but there was nothing doing. Tommy Atkins was on the job, and the Germans lost thousands of men. We were surprised a fresh lot of wounded this last week, and also eleven German wounded. One

GERMANS WERE DEFEATED IN A THREE-DAY BATTLE

French Drove Them From the Heights at Nouray.

THE BRITISH CAPTURED OVER 250 YARDS OF GERMAN TRENCHES NEAR LABASSE.

French Chausseurs Made a Brilliant Bayonet Charge in the Vosges—The Germans Continue Their Bombardment at Soissons.

Paris, Feb. 15.—(3 p.m. official)—The defeat of the Germans in a three-day battle around Nouray and Xon in Lorraine, and the success of allied infantry charges along the road from Bethune to Labasse, were claimed in despatches received here to-day.

The Germans have been driven from the heights surrounding Nouray after three days of furious fighting. Reinforcements brought up to retain their hold on the positions they captured on Saturday, arrived too late. They spent their force in an unsuccessful attempt to take another hill captured by the French early Sunday.

British forces west of Labasse have assumed an energetic offensive movement along both banks of the canal, leading toward Bethune. One British regiment charged German positions and captured more than 250 yards of trenches.

Brilliant French Charge

An official statement from the war office this afternoon commends a band of French chausseurs, who finding themselves surrounded by Germans in the Vosges, executed a brilliant bayonet attack on skis. Several of the chausseurs cut their way through the German lines and escaped. The others were taken prisoners.

A violent bombardment continues in Belgium at several points to the south notably at Soissons the war office reports according to the majority of the troops now serving on the front contingent are leaving part of their pay in Canada for the support of their families. The average pay, all ranks, is \$1.25 per day, exclusive of separation allowance issued to dependants. The total expenditure from the outbreak of the war up to December 31st last for pay allowances, and maintenance and troops and horses was \$11,885,407.

\$20,000 a Month For Separation Allowances

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—The cheque issued for separation allowances and assigned pay to families of the Canadian expeditionary forces now total over \$20,000 per month. Approximately fifteen per cent. of the men enlisted are married, and five per cent. are widowed mothers. It is apparent that the majority of the troops now serving on the front contingent are leaving part of their pay in Canada for the support of their families. The average pay, all ranks, is \$1.25 per day, exclusive of separation allowance issued to dependants. The total expenditure from the outbreak of the war up to December 31st last for pay allowances, and maintenance and troops and horses was \$11,885,407.

War Tidings.

Some expectancy is expressed at Shovelcliffe that the camp evacuated by Kitchener's army may be occupied by the next Canadian contingent. The Austrian government has taken a census of the church bells throughout the empire, with the object of requisitioning them eventually for the purpose of extracting the copper for military purposes.

Vienna is seriously threatened with bread famine owing to the increasing scarcity of flour. The so-called "war bread" is being sold at 30 cents a pound.

Lady Borden Will Present The Colors

The Kingston Veterans' Association has received word that Lady Borden, wife of the premier, will be here next Monday to present the colors to the 21st Battalion in the armories that evening. Major-General Hon. Sam. Hughes and Mrs. Hughes, and also members of the headquarters staff at Ottawa will be present for the ceremony.

BORN.

POTTER—In Kingston, on February 14th 1915, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Potter, 171 Sydney St., a daughter.

DIED.

BROWN—In Kingston, on Sunday, Feb. 14th, 1915, Marshall Jacob Brown, M.D., aged 82 years. 622 Princess St. on Tuesday morning, at 10.30, to Ceteraque cemetery. (Please omit flowers.)

ROBERTSON—At 148 Wellington St. on Sunday night, Feb. 14th, 1915, Eliza, eldest daughter of the late George Robertson. Funeral private. Kindly omit flowers.

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