

LETTERS FROM FRONT

TWO WOUNDED SOLDIERS TELL OF EXPERIENCES.

Pte. John McClelland, Kingston, Had Two Bones of His Shoulder Fractured By Shrapnel.

Pte. John McClelland, 2nd Battalion, C.E.F., in writing to friends a letter that was published in the Lisburn (Ireland) paper says:

"I expect that you have already heard of our heavy casualty list. I could fill sheets with what we came through between April 22nd up to the morning of April 24th. We made two charges with fixed bayonets. I came through the two charges without a scratch but three hours later I was giving a wounded comrade a drink and I got it good with a large chunk of shrapnel in the shoulder, fracturing both bones. But the gas was worse than their biggest shells. I have had my shoulder X-rayed four times and I think that some of the bones will have to come away as they are all shattered. We lost some fine men and officers but more Canadians are coming and we will avenge our lost comrades.

"We are scattered all over England in different hospitals but I have had the good luck to strike the American Women's Hospital where I am getting every attention. The doctors and nurses are all Americans and they take a great interest in us for we are the first Canadians they have had. In fact, the nurse that attends me I met while she was on a visit from her home in Buffalo, N.Y., to Kingston, Ont."

Pte. McClelland was formerly in the 14th Regiment and was a shoemaker in the repair department of J. E. Johnston's shoe store, Brock street. He enlisted here under Capt. George Richardson, and was in his company of the 2nd Battalion.

Bullet Through Ankle.

A Kingston lady has received the following letter from her nephew who was wounded during the battle of Langemarck. He writes from Torquay, Devonshire, and says:

"We are being treated fine here (in the hospital). Have five meals a day and all of the best. It was visitors' day yesterday and we had thousands of visitors to see us bringing gifts of chocolates, cigarettes, oranges, etc.

"Our battalion was in reserve billets south of Ypres. On Thursday the Germans bombarded the town. Later we were kept busy ourselves in preventing the Germans from using a hedge as cover. I got two myself, both on the run. When I went down I did not know just where I was hit. After a few seconds I decided that it would be better for my health if I moved on. I was surprised to find that I could not walk and run without pain. A bullet passed right through my ankle and I have not been able to put my foot to the ground since."

C. W. Lott, has been appointed Assistant Superintendent of District No. 5 C. P. R., with office at Smith's Falls.

OLD BACKS NEED HELP

When people get to be 50 and 60 and 70, they need a little help sometime to get through with the day's work. Their backs can't stand the heavy loads, the steady strain, of lousy youth. They need

GIN PILLS FOR THE KIDNEYS

St. Raphael, Ont., Jan. 8th. "Four years ago, I had such pains in my back that I could not work. The pains extended to my arms, sides and shoulders. I used many kinds of medicine for over a year, none of which did me very much good. I read about Gin Pills and sent for a sample and used them and found the pains were leaving me and I was feeling better. So I bought one box and before I had used them all, the pains were almost gone and I could keep my work. After I had taken six other boxes, I was entirely cured and I feel as strong as at the age of 30. I am 68 years old."

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QUEEN TO MAKE GAS MASKS.

Margherita Heads Committee Of 2,000 Italian Noblewomen.

Rome, June 4.—The Dowager Queen Margherita has accepted the chairmanship of a committee made up of more than 2,000 ladies of the nobility and aristocracy who are to undertake the task of supplying the army with masks to ward off the asphyxiating gases used by the Austro-Germans.

The mask has been invented by Senator Clamician, who is professor of chemistry at Bologna University.

War Tidings.

Col. Carrick, Canadian, of General French's staff, says that French, after the battle of Langemarck, asked for every possible Canadian soldier in England to be rushed to the front. The French made further gains in the neighborhood of Arras with the Germans contesting every inch of the ground.

Enthusiasm to enlist and get to the front runs high among the men of Rome. The government says it needs no more men at the present time. Applications from several hundred thousand volunteers have already been received, but none has yet been accepted.

Martial law has been proclaimed in Vienna as a result of the unrest which has followed the Italian declaration of war against Austria. At Washington, the British, French and Russian embassies have assured the State Department they will give safe conduct to Dr. Bernhard Dernburg, former colonial secretary of Germany, when he leaves the United States.

The German army headquarters announce that more than 300,000 Russians had been captured during May.

Slight gains made by French south-east of Neuville; both sides are making desperate efforts to bring engagements vigorous on the Belgian-British front.

The Italian fleet spent all of Tuesday in cruising off the Austrian coast without sighting the Austrian fleet.

An Austrian hydroplane has been found floating in the sea near Brindisi, Italy. It is evident that the aviators who manned it have been drowned.

Roumania has demanded cessions of territory from Austria in return for remaining neutral in the war, but Austria has refused to acquiesce.

The Swedish steamer Pan, which sailed from here a few days ago with a cargo of rifles bound for Bulgaria, is reported to have been seen near Paisteo, transferring her cargo to a German torpedo boat. A British submarine sank near Constantinople the Mahussen steamer No. 62, carrying Turkish troops to the Dardanelles.

HOW LILLE WAS SACKED

Woman Refugee Arriving in Paris Tells of Devastation.

Paris, June 4.—Northern France behind the German lines resembles a sea strewn with wrecks. Castaways from the ruins of the towns and villages scattered over this uncharted ocean of misery are now and again thrown upon the hospitable borders of Switzerland and eventually their way to France.

One of these castaways brings here the latest stories of Lille. She came to Paris to find her husband, a soldier invalided out of the service, and the two were full of the adventure which had brought them together again.

Lille, it would seem, is a town of dull and hopeless monotony. Its industries have been obliterated by the invader. There is not, according to the woman witness, a single factory or mill among all the hundreds in Lille, Roubaix and Turcoing—the textile centres of France—left in condition to resume work. Many were destroyed by the bombardment which preceded the entry of the Germans last October. Incendiary bombs were thrown into others when the Germans arrived.

At first it seemed to the inhabitants as though the whole industrial quarter of the city would be burned. Then the French mind conceived a more profitable plan, for afterwards the process of looting and stripping the mills and warehouses began.

Everything was taken away in motor wagons. First that was ready for market, then the raw material, cotton, wool and leather stocks of every description. Finally the machinery itself was dismantled and packed into cars and taken away to enrich German manufacturers who hope after the war to sell to the world goods made on the looms of Lille.

Day after day, month after month, this doleful procession of motor cars went on, draining the life blood of the Manchester of France.

In this systematic looting the shops were not forgotten. There is not a piece of saleable jewelry left in Lille. Every article of value has been carted away. Never was a city more systematically and thoroughly sacked.

Those who are without work or money in Lille are allowed a daily pittance of a shilling each. The distribution is organized by a committee, headed by the Mayor and the Archbishop. For these two men the Lille people cannot say too much. Their courage, wisdom and firmness in these agonizing days are beyond praise.

They have also organized a bank which lends money to the extent of thirty per cent, of the value on all reasonable securities. It was thus that the Lille woman who came here was able to eke out her allowance, and she showed with words of praise for the Mayor and Archbishop her receipts for securities and some of the paper money of ten francs and three francs issued by the city to her in exchange for her property.

Food is naturally bad and dear. "Very, very bad bread" is sold at a shilling the quarter loaf, white bread at more than double the price, and white flour at nearly one shilling a pound. Butter sells at half a crown a pound. Milk is reserved entirely for the aged and children. The worst parts of mutton cost half a crown a pound.

Practically no war news reaches the Lilleites.

THE LATEST TIDINGS

PRESENTED IN THE BRIEFEST POSSIBLE FORM.

The Whig's Daily Condensation Of The News Of The World From Telegraph Service and Newspaper Exchanges.

Charles E. Sebastian, chief of police, is mayor-elect of Los Angeles.

The Caer Howell, an old Toronto landmark, is in the hands of the wreckers.

St. Catharines public library board has debarred the London Times from its reading room.

European diplomats express approval of President Wilson's plan for the pacification of Mexico.

P. W. Ellis, Toronto, was appointed chairman of the Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park Commission.

Clinton Keech, Thamesville, in jumping off a freight train, had both legs severed and died a few hours later.

Archangel, the only large seaport on the north coast of the Russian Empire, is officially declared open to navigation.

The Saskatchewan Licensed Victuallers' Association asked all hotel-keepers to close their hotels when the bars are closed.

A Buffalo tug and sanducker, worth \$50,000, held at Bridgeburg, Ont., under war ruling for not reporting arrival.

Oliver Jodion, aged 104, thought to be the oldest resident of Ottawa, died Tuesday night. He was born at St. Eustace, Que., January 20th, 1811.

Great Britain has announced its willingness to expedite exportation of sugar beet seed from Germany to the United States under certain conditions.

Rev. Dr. Chown, who was to have represented the Canadian Church at the sessions of the Methodist Conference in Britain, has postponed his visit until next year.

Joseph Guiry, an aged resident of Ennismore township, died as the result of injuries received when an automobile in which he was riding collided with a mail coach.

The despatches announce: Wounded, Pte. Homer Casselman, Morrisburg, Ont.; seriously ill, Pte. Ralph Inman, Yorkshire, Ont.; Pte. Osborne Montgomery, Lakefield, Ont.

WAR A VAST WHIRLPOOL.

All Nations Being Sucked In, Says Rosebery.

London, June 4.—Lord Rosebery, speaking at Bath, describes the war as a vast whirlpool. "Beginning with five nations in Europe, it is gradually sucking in all those who would even willingly remain outside, first Japan, then Italy. It does not seem probable that the Balkan States will long be able to refrain from joining in a war which must ultimately settle what is called the Eastern question, and which, if they do not join, may be settled to their disadvantage. The United States seems sometimes hovering on the brink, though that country is so remote that it may well be spared the agony of this contest. Wherever you rest your eye, you see that this war is gradually sucking; in every nation, ever much it may wish to remain outside."

JOINS ADVERTISING AGENCY.

Newspaperman Becomes Toronto Manager of A. McKim, Limited.

Toronto, June 4.—Charles T. Pearce, until a few weeks ago general manager of the Toronto News, and who at that time disposed of his holdings in the paper, is to be the new Toronto manager of A. McKim, Limited, newspaper advertising agency, in which business he will be interested in future.

Mr. Pearce's experience should fit him for the position he will be called upon to occupy with A. McKim, Limited. Before becoming identified with the News he was manager of the Traders Bank. He is regarded as an excellent business man and is popular in business and social circles.

Woman Doctor Of Laws.

New York, June 5.—For the first time in the history of Columbia University, a woman was a candidate for the degree of Doctor of Laws, conferred at the annual commencement exercises. Lonisa Lee Schuyler, founder of the State Charities Aid Association and originator of the first American training school for nurses, was chosen for that honor.

Napanee Man Re-Elected.

Clarence M. Warner, Napanee, was again chosen president of the Ontario Historical Association at the annual meeting held in Toronto. Prof. W. L. Grant Kingston was chosen as councillor.

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