ITALIAN DRIVE TO TRIESTE MAKES HEADWAY

WHEN KING MADE A VISIT TO THE 26TH

Col. A. E. G. MacKenzie Sends Story of a Signal Honor Conferred on Crack N. B. Battalion.

In a letter to The Standard from Lieut.-Col. A. E. G. McKenzie, the officer commanding the 26th N. B. Battalion, he sends the following account of a visit to the 26th by His Majesty the King. The account is written by one of the officers in the 26th and is as follows:

Monday, the 14th of August, was a red letter day in the history of the New Brunswick battalion.

Some time during the morning the word came that the king was coming through our district, that he would watch an artillery shoot and then motor past our camp. Nothing of a formal nature, the notice read, must be done in the way of receiving him should he decide to inspect our lines. Of course the news spread to all ranks and many war-worn garments received fond attention. It was a beautiful day, rather windy for Belgium, but a bracing sort of a summer day. The old windmill threw its great red sails about industriously but not with more gusto than our men put into the various exercises and drills they were practicing.

Orders had said to carry on with the usual work. We did. We had been carrying on with the "usual work" for eleven months and knew how. So it was, that as the king's car drove up along the pave the men of the 26th Battalion were "carrying on" in their usual snappy style; every phase of infantry fighting was being practiced on the parade ground. Lt.-Gen. Byng, the commander of the Canadian corps, the G. O. C.'s of the Canadian divisions, and staff officers of many and high degrees were gathered at the corner of the field to receive His Majesty. And so for many minutes before our royal visitor arrived our boys were the object of many expert and critical glances. They were also the object of many comments from this brilliant gathering and some of these remarks were overheard, and they were flattering indeed.

The cars stopped and His Majesty, accompanied by the Prince of Wales, General Sir Herbert Plummer and more staff, alighted. He was first seen to shake hands with General Byng, then with Generals Turner, Currie and Lipsett, then we saw our O. C. being presented, saw the salute and the hand-shake, and saw them start our way.

So there was going to be an inspection of a Canadian battalion and we were that battalion. We were going to be inspected informally by the King of England. It was a proud and happy day for the 26th New Brunswick Battalion. His Majesty, accompanied by General Byng, and Lt.-Col. McKenzie, went through our lines, went into the men's huts, watched us as we drilled on the parade ground. Of course, despite orders against giving receptions, despite instructions to "carry on in the usual way," there was a brief stop, only a short one while our fellows cheered till the welkin rang. Then they got right back to work, and what His Majesty saw was as fine a lot of brawn and brains as ever made up a British regiment, saw some of them practicing the handling of those great little Lewis guns, some looking like goblins in their grey masks, were doing bayonet fighting, others practiced rapid loading and unloading their rifles, and a dozen other things that are all part of the day's work for modern infantry. He saw them put that swing, that snap and ginger into their drills that they have so consistently put forth against the Boche, the stuff that has earned for them the name of "The Fighting 26th." A battalion that has stood four-square to everything that has come along—the bloody initiation at the crater, 13th October last year, the long, wet, raw winter when the trenches practically crumbled away and the communication trenches ceased to be; that last week in March when the Huns pounded us with unerring aim and took heavy toll. Then came the stormy days in April when the St. Eloi trouble was on, when we put in extra long hours in the trenches and extra short periods out, when we rebuilt trenches under heavy steady fire from his big guns.

But the battalion got its hardest test when it took over a piece of newly recaptured line on the evening of the 14th of June, and endured practically a constant heavy bombardment for five days and as many nights—when our casualties were a fourth of the number we took into the line. That time we took the "come back" from the concentrated artillery that had worked such havoc during the third battle of Ypres. No wonder we felt proud and happy that fine day when the king visited us, and when he chatted with some of our men, asked them questions, and looked carefully at their sleeping and eating quarters. Then the boys felt that fighting for the king really meant something after all.

And now we have come to the stage of "old-timer" but not as fed up as some of Bairnsfather characters, though just as callous, just as ready to start "something," or to take on "anything."

Two interesting things have been done lately; first was the raid carried out so successfully by Lt. Wunter, Sergt.-Major Gunn and party, a thing that for sheer nerve and daring would be hard to equal, but of that you know. The other was a fine stand-up fight that a party of our people had with a trench full of Huns. That time our party had little cover to hide them and they were seen. The enemy lined the parapet and opened up on our boys with everything he had, and our fellows stayed with it till their bombs were all gone and then retired to our own lines, peppering the Huns with a Lewis gun. Everyone got back safe while many of the enemy were known to have been put out of business. It was a great scrap with the Germans fighting behind their strong parapet, while our boys stood out in the open in "No Man's Land." As one of them said when he dropped over the parapet to safety, "Gee, but that was sure a fine party."

ST. JOHN PORT IS KEEPING PACE WITH BIGGEST OF THEM

Port Authorities in Convention at Montreal get a Surprise when Com. Russell Shows Business St. John is Handling.

Commissioner Russell returned Saturday from Montreal where he had been attending the fifth annual gathering of the American Association of Port Authorities held last week. Representatives were present from all the great ports on the continent, and some splendid papers were read on ports and their development. Plans of the different harbors were shown and figures giving the business done during the last year.

Commissioner Russell had prepared a statement showing the amount of business done through St. John last year, and it made some of those present who had not heard much about this port open their eyes when the report was presented. The commissioner said that he was satisfied that St. John, for the amount of harbor front and facilities, could and was handling as much traffic as any port in the country.

The convention opened on Wednesday and closed on Friday. At the close of the morning session on Wednesday the delegates were taken for a trip around the harbor front. The city of Montreal owns 17 miles of harbor front, and on that day they had in the harbor loading and discharging 47 ocean going steamers.

Thursday night they were given a banquet at the St. James Club by the harbor commissioners of Montreal. Friday at noon they were the guests of the shipping federation of Canada at luncheon, and the afternoon of Friday was spent in an inspection of the railway terminals, elevators, transit sheds and port facilities in Montreal harbor.

On Friday night a number of the delegates left for Quebec, and the commissioner is expecting Thomas S. Williams, harbor commissioner, San Francisco, to pay a visit to St. John before returning to his home.

The commissioner has returned from this convention more strongly impressed than ever with the splendid possibilities which are before the port of St. John.

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MILITARY NOTES.

Mrs. B. C. Belyea, Rodney street, received word yesterday informing her that her husband, Pte. Burepe A. Belyea of the bombing section of the 26th Battalion had been admitted to No. 10 Stationary Hospital, France, suffering from shell shock.

Ptes. McKenna and McLean of Nova Scotia reported for duty at the 242nd headquarters on Saturday.

Lieuts. Gerald Hubbard and Louis Ritchie of St. John left yesterday for Halifax en route to England, where they will take commissions in the Imperial army.

The returned soldiers who have been engaged in recruiting work in the various counties throughout the province received their pay cheques on Saturday after a long wait.

GEN. CADORNA'S MEN STORM ENEMY POSITIONS ON ISONZO AND TAKE 1,800 PRISONERS

Italians Pressing Their Offensive With Trieste as Objective Sweep Teutons from Entrenchments on a Wide Front—Sledgehammer Blows Breaking Backbone of Enemy Resistance.

Rome, Sept. 16, via London (5.30 p. m.)—The new offensive of the Italians who are attempting to advance on Triest was developed successfully yesterday. The war office today announced the capture of a number of important positions. More than 1,000 prisoners were taken.

800 MORE PRISONERS

Rome, Sept. 17, via London (5.25 p. m.)—The Italians are pressing their offensive in the Isonzo district with Triest as their objective. The war office today reports that further entrenchments on a wide front have been stormed and captured by Italian infantry who took some 800 additional prisoners.

The official statement says:

"In the fighting which occurred on Friday in the Sugana Valley, between the Coalba and Maora valleys, severe losses were inflicted on the enemy. After being driven back on the right bank of the Brenta the enemy bombarded our positions, with some violence, and on the left bank of the Mazo, and launched three successive attacks, which were all beaten off.

"In the Monte Cauriol and the Fiemme valley areas our Alpine troops extended and consolidated the positions captured on Friday. During these operations 32 additional prisoners, three machine guns, two trench mortars and a large quantity of rifles and ammunition were captured.

"In the Upper Degano Valley, at Tagliamento, the artillery was very active. The enemy fired more than 2,000 rounds in the neighborhood of Volaia Pass alone without any result.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Victoria.

C S Garroway, Halifax; A M Budd, St Andrews; D Whitehouse, Montreal; Everett W Keefe, Fall River, Mass; J A Gillis, Halifax; N Reynolds, Toronto; Mr and Mrs Halliday, Hartford, Conn; Wm W Powell, Moncton; F Chapman, McAdam; J J Maher Brownville Jct; A M Dann and wife, Hampton; B E Dakin, Montreal; C D Chisholm, Public Landing; H W Berry, J N Burnett, Sussex; P M Nicholas, Boston, Mass; J A Binney, Brookline; Miss R H Syrett, Miss A N George, Springfield, Mass; P McMullin, North Sydney; W Somerville and wife, Seaforth, Vt; G L Black, Amherst; Harry VanWart, Evandale; Edw Randall, Hillsboro, N B; G W Keith, Moncton; G Richardson, Amherst; A Flynn, Boston; E L Merrithew, Fredericton; M J Howngan, Newton, Ct; G H Patterson, Partridge Island; E Brysen Ridley, Toronto, Ont; R C Robertson, Fredericton; Miss I Taylor, New Glasgow; R J Wilmot and wife, G A Parkin and wife, Petitcodiac; H R Bouffard, Three Rivers; J N Inch, Oak Point; A M Dann, Hampton; B M Scott, Marcus W White, Worcester, Mass; Edward Warren, New Bedford, Mass; W J Nagle, C J McFarlane, Sand Point.

Park.

R T Mawhinney, Halifax; P M Sgt G Bennie, Partridge Island; F G Scott, St John; G C Holmes, do; W W Nason, Partridge Island; D E Davies, Debec; T L Salterio, Halifax; E Langley, Toronto; A R Brown, Sackville; E R Falkins, Millstream; F Hayes, do; W S Mason, do; C F Lovett, Halifax; James Baldwin, do; Edward Harding, Montreal; A B Locke, Halifax; C A Brant, do; T L Flemming, Truro; J E Bates, do; Albert Hebert, Shediac; Mrs A Hanson, Perth Jct; Neill McAskill, Riley Brook; W B Sampson, St Stephen; S A Amirault, Halifax; J Keating, do; H P White, Moncton; J M McDonald, do; John Jessop, Partridge Island; J F Clarke, do; G W Hopper, Truro; H B Cleaves, St John; Mr and Mrs Edward J Labue, Cambridge, Mass; A S McCumber, St Martins; R Kelly, city; F Wheaton, Rothesay; T Frauley, Newport, R I; W Morgan, McAdam; John J Murray, Boston, Mass; R Murray, do.

Clifton.

Arthur McKeil, E G Evans and wife, Miss Lois Evans, F J Chipman and wife, C Morton, Bliss McGill, Portland; H G Knapp and wife, White Plains; Major J H Grant, Lois A Cole, Brockton; A Lizzie Maine, Randolph; R K Smith, Elmwood; D McLean, Crepaud; W W Stewart and wife, three children, Toronto; Mrs H K Bartch, Sussex; H Morris, Boston; Mr and Mrs Brooks, Carolina; Geo Armstrong, C C Dryden, Moncton; Mrs M Hale, Hamilton; Frank Ansaen, Boston; John Connor, Woodstock; W B Lemont, Fredericton; A P Harrop, Amherst.

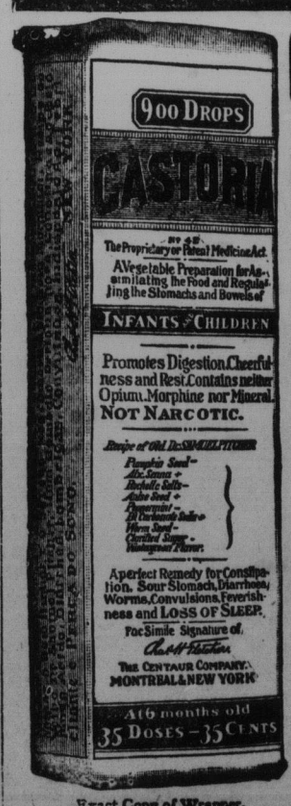
The Police Court.

In the Police Court on Saturday the two soldiers who were arrested early Saturday morning for breaking, entering and stealing a large quantity of whisky and cigars from a liquor saloon on Water street were allowed to go with a warning.

A small boy arrested for stealing from a Victoria street house was also allowed his liberty.

A young girl who was arrested Saturday morning on the charge of vagrancy was sent to the Monastery of the Good Shepherd for a term of nine months.

A Russian who was found loitering in a Main street doorway at an early hour in the morning was allowed to go as a friend appeared in his behalf and promised to ship the man out of the city.



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Pay Tribute To Memory of Geo. H. Todd

Memorial Service in Main Street Baptist Church, where Young Hero Worshipped Before Empire's Call Came.

A memorial service for Corporal George Henry Todd, who gave his life on July 9 in defense of the Empire was held last night in the Main street Baptist church, of which the deceased was an active member. The pulpit was draped with the flags of the

CORP. GEORGE HENRY TODD.

Allies, and in front of the pulpit was a picture of the dead hero draped in mourning.

His is the third name on the roll of honor of the church to be marked with the red cross, denoting that the supreme sacrifice had been paid.

The choir rendered a number of selections suitable for the occasion and the pastor of the church, Rev. Dr. Hutchinson, in his sermon paid an eloquent tribute to the worth of the deceased young hero.

The service which was a most impressive one was brought to a close by the singing of one verse of the National Anthem.

Dr. Hutchinson based his remarks on Romans 13, 7: "Render therefore all their due. Honor to whom honor."

He said in part: This was an injunction to pay to all men the honor due them and was a precept which was always followed by God, Himself, who was always sure to honor those who were worthy, and they were met to pay a tribute of respect to one who was brave enough to die for his country.

He proposed to pay honor to him first as a Christian young man. Together with the rest of his family he had united with the church by letter in 1911, and since that time he had been a regular attendant and active worker in the Young People's Society and the Men's Bible Class. For that reason he honored him as a Christian young man.

In the second place he was to be honored as a young man full of patriotism. He had loved his country. He not only loved his country but it was a dominating passion with him and when the call came he immediately answered it. There were in this country some young men who seemed only to care that their ease and comfort were not molested but George Todd was not one of that stamp; he loved his country and when it was in danger was willing to fight for it. He had enlisted and gone overseas with the first contingent and until the day of his death had not met with an accident of any kind.

He was to be honored because he had made the supreme sacrifice.

On the 9th day of July last a shell burst in the battery in which he was serving, killed he and some others and wounded 14.

He was sleeping today in a grave in Belgium along with hundreds of other Canadian boys who had paid the price, and while the family mourned they had the comfort of knowing that he fell in a righteous cause.

God had honored him and while his body was in Belgium the spirit was with the God who gave it and the family and friends would one day meet him again on that other shore where there was no parting.

PERSONAL.

Miss E. M. Robertson is the guest of Mrs. G. N. Pearson, Sussex, for a week or so.

Frank Casey, appointed Collector of Inland Revenue at Charlottetown, will leave today to take up his new duties.

OBITUARY.

Police Constable William Armstrong and his wife have the deepest sympathy on the death of their nine-year-old daughter, Ida Maud, which took place yesterday. The little girl had been seriously ill for some months and was a patient sufferer. Besides her parents, she leaves three brothers to mourn. The funeral will take place this afternoon from her parents' residence, 42 Millidge Avenue, the service beginning at 2.30 o'clock.

CASUALTY LIST

Ottawa, Sept. 16.

Infantry.

Wounded—Samuel Carnel, Newfoundland; Sergt. Ernst M. Tessier, Newfoundland.

Gordon W. Logan, 121 Millidge Ave., St. John, N. B.

Artillery.

Wounded—Signaller Lewis G. Clay, 42 Lockman's street, Halifax, N. S.

Infantry.

Wounded—Thomas Burgess, 283 Brunswick street, Halifax, N. S. Wm. W. Fowler, 48 Livingston street, Halifax, N. S. Frank Gogan, Knightville, Kings Co., N. B. Horace Lunnin, Tracey Station, N. B. Alexander Muise, Inverness, C. B. Wm. Shorten, 6 George street, Dartmouth, N. S.

Mounted Rifles.

Previously reported wounded, now officially wounded and missing—Sergt. Wm. C. Hood, Bay Roberts, Nfld.

TO KEEP ENEMIES FROM ENTERING INDIA UNDER GUISE OF MISSIONARIES

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Sept. 15—The India office in London has notified the government that owing to circumstances arising out of the war persons other than British subjects who are desirous of proceeding to India to undertake missionary or educational work are now required to obtain permission from the India authorities to enable them to enter in such work.

"Experience has shown" says the communication, "that some safeguards are necessary to ensure that individuals desiring to work as missionaries in India are not in active sympathy with the enemies of the British Empire or lacking in goodwill towards the good of the country in which they propose to teach."

Concert in King Square.

This evening's concert by the City Cornet band closes their civic band concerts on the square for this season. The following programme, under the direction of Frank Waddington, will be rendered from eight to ten o'clock:

National air, "O Canada."
March, "If Thou Alone Were Mine," Scotto.
Overture, "Sans Souci," Beyer.
Gavotte, "Hypatia," Hume.
Waltz, "Sounds From Erin," Bennett.
Selection, "America," Mases.
Operatic march, "Light Cavalry," Panella.
Cornet solos, (by request), "The Holy City," Adams; (by request), "A Perfect Day," Bond. Soloist, D. J. Gallagher.
Operatic selection, "Il Trovatore," Verdi.
Valse Tente, "My Colleen," Burns.
Characteristic march, "Discie Rube," Allen.
God Save the King.

Should the weather be unfavorable the concert will be given tomorrow evening.

A TIP FOR CARLETON.

Jacquet River, N. B., Sept. 14.

To the Editor of The Standard.

Sir,—Surely the people of Carleton county will consider what they are doing. God forbid that the Carvell-Carter-Veniot gang should get ahead there; if so it will be the greatest calamity that ever befell the province, and the people of Carleton will regret it as long as they live and their children after them. The most unprincipled gang in the province. A worse gang could not be produced in the slums of New York.

A LIBERAL.

Miss Mabel Godfrey, Lyric Theatre pianist, left Saturday night to spend a month's vacation in Boston and New York.

MANY PLANS FOR MERCHANTS' RALLY HERE THIS WEEK

Retail Merchants' Convention Will be Marked by Several Novel Features.

A committee consisting of D. J. Barrett, J. H. Vaughan and G. M. Ross are arranging details regarding the retail merchants' city auto and horse deliveries parade to take place Wednesday afternoon at 4.30 o'clock in connection with the retail merchants' commercial rally. The parade will start from King street east, Sydney to south side of King Square, thence to Charlotte, to Queen, to Germain, up to King street, then over to North End via Mill and Main, returning to head of King street. The St. John branch of the Retail Merchants' Association are offering a prize of three years' membership in their association to the best slogan displayed on any of the vehicles in the parade. Slogan is to relate to the R. M. A. This parade will be reviewed by visiting and local merchants in front of Imperial theatre. Any firms wishing to enter into the parade will kindly let some member of the committee know. This parade, if all enter into it, should be very imposing and a credit to our city, as the deliveries we see on our streets compare favorably with any upper province cities. Other plans for the rally are in good shape. A large delegation is promised from outside points in the province by the number of cards the provincial secretary, Robert Reid, is receiving by every mail. Tickets for the banquet on closing night of rally to be held in Bond's are being taken by the local merchants. A very fine programme of toasts has been arranged for. Mr. A. O. Skinner will be chairman. After the usual toast "To the King," Col. James L. McAvity will propose the toast "To the Allies," responded to by Hon. H. A. McKeown, chief justice. Then will follow the following toasts: "Province of New Brunswick," proposed by A. G. Bailey, Woodstock, responded to by Hon. J. B. M. Baxter. "The City of St. John," proposed by A. E. McSweeney, Moncton, responded to by Mayor Hayes. "The Retail Merchants' Association," and "Our Guests." Mr. Walter D. Pidgeon throughout the evening will sing and Mr. Steve Matthews will give readings. Wednesday afternoon the merchants and their ladies will be entertained by sail around the harbor on steamer Ludlow through the kindness of Commissioner Russell. Wednesday morning will be a conference of wholesalers and retailers. Mr. F. W. Roach and Mr. A. H. Westmore will give addresses.

Tuesday evening the merchants and ladies will be the guests of city merchants at the Imperial theatre. Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock will be given to addresses of welcome by President Alex. Murray, Mayor Hayes, Joseph A. Likely and A. O. Skinner, also Mr. Skinner will give an address on the Retail Merchants' Association.

A number of firms will make exhibits of their lines in Convention Hall during the rally.

DIED.

PARKHILL—At Chipman, Queens county, N. B., on September 16, James Parkhill, leaving three sons and three daughters to mourn. Funeral today (Monday) at Chipman.

ARMSTRONG—In this city on the 17th inst, after a lengthy illness, Ida Maud, only daughter of William and P. Maud Armstrong, aged nine years, leaving besides her parents, three brothers to mourn. Funeral today, Monday, from her parents' residence, 42 Millidge Ave. Service begins at 2.30 o'clock.

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Those who desire to take advantage of this offer should consult with any Manager of the Bank without delay.

Subscriptions must be deposited with the Bank before September 23rd.