

LETTER FROM REV. MR. HOOPER RENEWS PRIDE IN THE 26TH

The following are extracts from a letter from Rev. E. B. Hooper to a friend in St. John— Yesterday (Sunday) I had the privilege of conducting church parade service for "our" battalion; and I wish that the good people of St. John, who during the last winter and spring gazed with admiration on the 26th as they marched on a Sunday morning, with uniforms speckled and buttons shining to their church services, I wish that they could have stood beside me yesterday morning and looked at the men of the 26th as they stood in their ranks for divine service. So far as uniforms went, I venture to say that a more disreputable looking lot of soldiers they never saw. Some with overcoats and some without, some with the regulation caps and some with the warm woolen sleeping caps or helmets, all stained with mud from their feet upwards, the caps of some men looking as if they had been standing on their heads in the trenches. But what the eye fixed on was not the mud on the varied uniform, but the faces of the men and the eyes bright and shining. Many of them were just careless boys and happy-go-lucky young fellows when they left St. John; TODAY THEY ARE MEN WITH THE LOOK OF MEN WHO ARE MEN IN DEED, AND OF MEN WHO HAVE FACED HELL AND DEATH, AND ARE READY TO FACE IT AGAIN.

They have suffered grievous losses in killed and wounded; they have had their chums and closest friends stricken down beside them; and yet today they are entirely unshaken and absolutely unafraid. The story which the gallant 26th is writing with their blood here in Belgium is a story which St. John and New Brunswick will hold in proud remembrance forever. My heart aches for the dear ones at home, whose tears are falling for those who have died in action. To them I would earnestly offer my tenderest sympathy. But let them not sorrow as those without hope. The men who have died on the field of battle have given their lives for the great cause for which we wage this dreadful war, and of them we may truly say: "They have gone to their God like soldiers."

Last week Major A. E. G. McKenzie, Major "Jock" McKenzie, Capt. McMillan, Lieutenants Fairweather and Porter invited me to dine with them, and a very good dinner was served by the Sisters of the convent. The very next tour of duty in the trenches Major "Jock" McKenzie was wounded in both legs and Lieut. Knowlton in no less than six different places. I am thankful to hear that neither man is seriously wounded; both of them I regard highly as warm personal friends.

I read with pride and pleasure of the fine recruiting work going on in our own province and in Canada at large. No need now for me to add anything in the way of incentive and encouragement to young men to see their duty and to do it. Let me close by wishing to you and to all who read this letter a Happy Christmas. It anticipates by a few days the Great Birthday itself. However, and our hearts may be, let us be able to be glad for the birth of Him who taught mankind the principles for which we fight today—Honor, Justice and Liberty.

A DAY AT THE RACES FULL OF JINGLE AND FUN; AT OPERA HOUSE

Most everybody who saw the Parisian Girls at the Opera House the first of the week thought it was a good show, the large audience that saw the change of programme yesterday were unanimous in the opinion that the new play is even better. "A Day at the Races" is the title of the comedy and it affords an excellent opportunity for "Happy McNally, Tom Carroll and the rest of the fun makers" to put over a rousing farce just packed full of good in-still numbers, dancing and bits of nonsense that kept the audience in tears of laughter. The dancing by the two comedians, McNally and Carroll was as good as has ever been seen on the local stage. The following musical numbers all scored hits: On the Way to the Races—By Company. Show Girl—By Company. I Lost My Gal—Bob Lane and Girls. Jolly Sports—Messrs Carroll and McNally. Oh! You Girls, Girls, Girls—By Company. Moonlight—Miss Bessie Fox and Girls. Folding Bed—Happy McNally. Parodies—Tom Carroll. Comedy Dancing—Messrs. Carroll and McNally. Mayo—Miss Lillian Ashton. Tulip Time in Holland—May Thayer and Girls. Closing First Part—By Company. Opening Chorus—By Company. Norway—Tom Bullock and Girls.

When You Were in Love With Someone—Miss Elyse Wallace. Beautiful Babe—Viola Dorn and Girls. Be Sure He is Irish—Ralph Austin. Grand Finale—By Company. "A Day at the Races," will be repeated tonight and for two performances tomorrow.

SCHOOL TEACHER Anemic, Run-down, Nervous—How She Recovered—

There are so many cases like this right here in St. John that we are publishing this interesting letter with the hope that some of our customers will try Vinol and get the same happy result that Miss Bessie did. Key West, Fla.—"I am a teacher and became anemic, nervous, run-down, no energy or desire to do anything. I could not sleep and had that languid, nervous feeling that made me a burden to myself. I had taken various tonics without success. I heard of Vinol and tried it. Soon I had a good appetite, could sleep at night and it built me up so I have the ambition to do any kind of work." Mary L. Bess, Key West, Fla. The reason Vinol was so successful in this case is because it is a constitutional remedy that goes to the seat of trouble. The peptonate of iron contained in Vinol enriches and revitalizes the blood, while the strengthening, tissue-building properties of the extractives of cod's livers and beef peptone aid in building up the tired, overworked, run-down system. Ross Drug Co., Ltd., Wasson's Drug Store, St. John, N. B.

A Quiet Sort "Have you a Sporting Life?" Bookstall Clerk (at lonely country station)—"Not very."

SIX GERMANS IN U. S. UNIFORMS

Four Arrested on Arrival of Transport Sheridan at San Francisco Offered \$5,000 Bribe?

San Francisco, Dec. 17—Wearing United States army uniforms, and when questioned passing themselves off as discharged soldiers, returning from foreign duty, three Germans and an Austrian were taken off the army transport Sheridan when it docked and turned over to the immigration authorities. Immediately following their seizure N. Peterson and George King, masters-at-arms on the transport, and Emil Gerling and Jacob Klahaus, ship's bakers, were placed under arrest, charged with trying to smuggle undesirable alien into the country.

The plot to smuggle the four into the United States was unearthed in Honolulu, and the arrests were made here following cable advices from Brig-Gen. John P. Wisser, commanding the Hawaiian department of the army.

When the transport touched at Honolulu two Germans, Paul Simbach and Lynats Teboigt, also wearing United States army uniforms and claiming to be discharged American soldiers were seized by the military authorities and thrown into jail. The men fraudulently secured the uniforms.

It is said that the men on the transport were to receive in all \$5,000 to get the others safely on American soil. On Monday wireless advices were sent to the transport and then began the work of locating the refugees. There were more than 1,400 troops on board.

Every man had either to show his papers or be identified by an officer of a non-commissioned officer and after several hours the bogus soldiers were located.

The four Austrian and Germans arrested here and the two apprehended in Honolulu claimed that they were sailors from German merchant ships intended for the war at Manila.

The big bribe for the smuggling them here, alleged to have been offered, leads the authorities to think that very possibly the men are not simply common sailors.

MONTREAL CROOKS HARD UP; CANNOT PAY THEIR FINES

Montreal, Que., Dec. 17—War and the hard times have sent the crooks of Montreal to jail. As a result the recorder's court receipts for 1915 will show a decrease of \$200,000 at least.

In the old days a crook was flush, drinks, disorderlies, etc., paid the fine and missed the jail. Now the cash is missing and the jail gets them. So the city keeps them.

The recorder's court cases are far fewer than in previous years as many of the "regulars" are at the front where they are doing fine work in the trenches.



Slippers For Christmas

A most useful present for anyone. We have never shown such a variety as this season.

House Slippers for Mother and Dad—Bath Slippers for Brother—Party Slippers for Sister—Dainty Little Booties for the Little Tots.

They're the USEFUL GIFT every day in the year for the family.

Don't forget the Rubber Boots for little brother Bill. The Christmas Shoe Stores.

Slippers from 49c. to \$1.95

LEVINE'S Two Shoe Stores 90 Charlotte Street 81-2 Brussels St. Where the Same Costs Less

Eager Christmas Shopping! ONLY SIX DAYS MORE.



"The Store With Thousands of Practical Gifts" Open Now Every Evening Until Christmas-

FOR WOMEN Hand Embroidered Lingerie in dainty boxes, Gowns, Chemises, Covers, etc., \$1.25 to \$2.75. Taffeta Silk Underskirts, all shades, \$3.98 to \$6.75. Morine Underskirts, 98c. to \$3.50. Envelope Combinations, \$1.45 to \$2.75. Pair of latest Corsets, daintily put up in box, \$1.00 to \$4.50. Brusters, in neat box, with ribbon, 50c. to \$2.25. Silk Undersuits, evening wear, in boxes, \$2.25 to \$2.75. Mercerized Neats, hand crocheted yokes, 75c. and 95c. each. Silk Crepe de Chine Camisoles, \$1.75 to \$2.25. Corset Covers, in boxes, \$1.50 to \$2.25. Princess Slips, in boxes, \$1.50 to \$5.75. New Blouses, voile, organdie, \$1.00 to \$2.25. New Dimity Stripe Blouses, \$1.00 to \$1.75. Lace Tea Aprons, 25c. to 95c. each. New Wool Knitting Sets, cap and mitts, \$1.50 to \$2.25. Spencer Jackets, fine, soft wool, \$1.50 to \$2.25. Hug-McTighe, rephry wool, \$1.50 to \$2.25. Old Ladies' Knitted House Jackets, \$2.40. Silk Sweater Coats, \$9.75 to \$12.00. Pure Wool Sweater Coats, all shades and styles, \$1.98 to \$6.50. Wool or Silk-Beakfast Shawls, \$1.35 to \$5.25. House Dresses, chemises and gingham, \$1.00 to \$10.75. Black Cashmere Tights and Bloomers, 85c. to \$1.50. Dainty Beadlet Caps, in boxes, 50c. to \$2.75. Maiden's House Dresses, all black, \$1.98 to \$2.25. Maiden's Fine Lawn House Caps, 35c. each. Maiden's Dressing Scaques, 98c. to \$2.25. Velour and Flannellette Kimonos, \$1.39 to \$10.50. Crepe Kimonos, \$1.39 to \$2.25. Silk Kimonos, \$2.75 to \$11.90. Elderdown Bathrobes, \$3.75 to \$6.75. New Serge and Silk Dresses, \$5.50 to \$18.90. Black Rubber Raincoats, \$5.95 to \$10.95. Paramatta Raincoats, \$6.95 to \$8.90.

FOR MISSES AND CHILDREN Children's Imitation Fur Sets, muff and tie, 75c. to \$1.95 per set. Girls' Black Rubber Raincoats, \$4.25 each. Girls' Serge Middy Blouses, \$3.95 each. Girls' Serge Middy Skirts, \$3.95 each. Girls' Serge Middy Suits, \$7.90 each. Girls' Sweater Coats, 98c. to \$3.25. Girls' Velour Kimonos, \$1.75 to \$2.25. Girls' Wool Bath Robes, \$1.50 each. Girls' School Dresses, \$1.75 to \$5.75. Little Boys' Wool Bath Robes, \$1.45 each. Girls' Wool Skating Caps, 50c. and 75c. each. Girls' and Boys' Knit Overall, with feet; all colors and sizes, \$1.00 to \$1.75. Little Girls' and Boys' Wool Teddy Bear Knit Sets, sweater, overall, cap, mitts and pants, \$2.25 to \$5.95 per set. Boys' Sweater and Pants combined, \$2.75 per suit.

FOR THE BABY Babies' Knit Jackets, 45c. to 90c. Babies' White Sweater Coats, 98c. each. Babies' Wool Mittens, 20c. to 50c. each. Babies' Winter Bonnets, 45c. to \$2.95. Babies' Knit Overall, 65c. to \$1.25. Babies' Knit Gaiters, 25c. to 60c. Babies' Lingerie Dresses, 75c. to \$2.50. Babies' Handmade Dresses, \$1.95 to \$3.90. Babies' Cashmere Cloaks, \$3.25 to \$5.50 each. Babies' "Stork" Feeders, 50c. to 75c. Babies' Brush and Comb Sets, \$1.00 to \$2.75. Babies' Rattles, hand painted, 50c. to \$1.25. Babies' Toys on Hand Painted Ribbons, 35c. to 75c. Babies' Kimonos, 65c. to \$1.25. Babies' Quilted Silk Carriage Covers, with long kimono to match, \$2.25 per set. Babies' Carriage Robes and Sleeping Pockets, \$1.50 to \$6.50 each.

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MATERIALS FOR WOMEN'S WEAR Silk Blouse Lengths, in box. Crepe de Chine Blouse Lengths, in boxes. Striped Silk Crepes for evening dresses, 75c. a yard. Our Leader-Palette Silks, large range of shades, blouse lengths, \$1.90 and dress lengths, \$4.90 each, in dainty boxes. Dress lengths of Black Velour make excellent gifts, 75c. and 85c. per yard.

MARABOUT Marchout Stoles and Muffs, in natural, brown and black. Stoles, in natural, \$2.25 and \$2.95 each. Hemstitched Pillow Cases, in box, 50c. per pair. Hemstitched Guest Towels, 25c. and 35c. each. Embroidered h. s. Table Runners, size 18x34 inches, 95c. each. Embroidered English Flannellette, white and cream, 5 yards, 58c.; 10 yards, \$1.15. Embroidered Table Cloths, in boxes, \$1.75, \$1.95, \$2.25, \$2.50 to \$5.00. White Mercerized Waistings, 3 yard lengths in box, 60c. and 60c. each.

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ACCESSORIES FOR WOMEN Hamburg Corset Cover Lengths, in boxes, 50c. and 58c. each. Embroidered Cushion Cases, 45c. to \$1.25. Embroidered Table Runners, 49c. to \$1.25 each. Large range of Lace Centre Pieces, all sizes, 79c. to \$9.50 each. Silk Hosiery, all sizes, 5c. to \$2.25 per pair. New Neck Ruffs, 50c. to \$2.95. Black and white or all white Erminette Ties, 29c. each. Mary Pickford Organdy Collars, 35c. each. Shoe Trees, fancy silk trimmed, 35c. per pair. Kim Gloves, all colors, \$1.10 to \$2.95 per pair. New Bags and Purses, 89c. to \$2.75.

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Canada In The War

Local Recruiting Meetings Last Evening—Canada to Equip Her Own Men—Siege Battery Theatre Party

At last night's meeting in the Mill street recruiting offices, Judge Armstrong, Rev. J. C. Berrie and S. C. Irvine were the speakers, each making a forceful appeal for recruits. C. Girvan and R. Nobles took part in a musical programme.

In Temperance hall, West Side, last night, another meeting was held at which Capt. Mulcahey presided, and the speakers were Rev. W. R. Robinson, M. E. Agar, and Capt. Davidson. In the musical programme Miss Freda Jenkins, Miss Mullin, Miss Pearl Wayne and P. C. Johnston took part.

At yesterday's meeting of the recruiting committee, a social committee was appointed to arrange for a welcome to any British naval men who may be passing through the port. Capt. Tilley reported that Lieut. Col. Fowler had told him that 120 more men of the 14th Battalion, were in St. John on Saturday.

Robert King, of Fredericton, N. B., is reported slightly wounded with the 2nd Canadian battalion; Corp. John M. Haslam, Sussex, N. B., is reported killed in action with the 81st Battalion, and Patrick Finn, Halifax, N. S., with the 23rd Battalion.

Sir Sam Hughes announced in Ottawa yesterday that Canada in future will equip her own troops at the front instead of depending part upon England to do so.

The fortnightly pay-day of the 69th Battalion was observed yesterday. The men's checks were cashed at the Bank of Montreal.

Pte. J. H. Darrach, 104th Battalion, has been made lance-corporal.

Two hundred members of the Siege Battery were the guests of Major L. W. Barker last night at the Imperial Theatre. The officers of the unit accompanied them. Mr. Golding showed, as an extra, the pictures of the 26th and they aroused great enthusiasm. There were cheers for the battalion and the Imperial manager, Chorus singing by soldiers and all also marked the evening.

In St. David's St. David's church held another social for the soldiers last evening. An interesting programme to which several of the men in uniform contributed, was given and refreshments were served. Lieut. Col. Danvers and Major Williams of the 69th were present to express their appreciation of the hospitality tendered to the men by the church.

A PAIN IN THE BACK COMES FROM THE KIDNEYS.

When a pain asserts itself in the back you may rest assured that it comes from some derangement of the kidneys, for were there not something wrong with the kidneys the back would be strong and well, and would be without a pain or an ache.

For backache, lame or weak back, there is no remedy so equal Doan's Kidney Pills.

They take out the stitches, twitches, and twinges, limber up the stiff back, and give perfect relief and comfort to all poor, suffering women who suffer so much from a weak, lame, aching back.

Miss Iva A. Ferris, Mill Cove, N.B., writes: "I suffered for two years from pains in my back. I tried several kinds of patent medicines, and was almost discouraged until I noticed your advertisement of Doan's Kidney Pills. I thought it would not hurt to try them. I had only used two boxes before I noticed a great difference, and after I had taken four boxes I was completely cured. I would not be without them in the house. I can recommend them to all I know."

Doan's Kidney Pills are 50c per box, 3 boxes for \$1.25 at all dealers, or mailed direct on receipt of price by The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

When ordering direct specify "Doan's."

DIES WITHIN SIGHT OF HOME SHE TRIED TO REACH

Waltham, Dec. 17—Mrs. Marion Clark Mosher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Clark of Spruce street, died while being conveyed from the railroad station to the home of her parents. The young woman had been a sufferer from tubercular trouble for many months. About a year ago she went to California with the hope that the change of climate might prove of benefit.

She continued to fall, however, and her father started for California to bring his daughter home. The hardship of the journey told seriously and when the party reached Kansas City, Mrs. Mosher was in a critical condition. A young woman who was on the train happened to be a trained nurse, and Mr. Clark engaged her to accompany them to this city. While the invalid was being taken home she expired. Besides her parents she leaves husband and a daughter.

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