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ROMANCE HAS ALWAYS ATTENDED OLD ALDERSHOT

It Played a Great Part in Making the Flower of Old British Army

IT IS A SOLDIERS' TOWN NORMALLY

Some of the Crack Training Reserve Battalions Stationed There

(By Carlton McNaught). Cradle of the old British army, emblem of a way of life that seemed the only one worthy of our notice when as boys we followed the unconquerable heroes of Henty, Balantyne, and Manville Fenn into glorious realms of derring-do, Aldershot has always been invested with a tinge of romance. As a Canadian who had read both his Henty and

his Kipling, I anticipated a novel thrill when I trundled into Aldershot on a motor bus for the first time one October day a year ago. Yet the kind of thrill I got was entirely different from the one I expected. Ancient town that it is, saturated in every corner with the associations of an old-established order of things, it is not the picturesque prestige of the place that impresses one in the Aldershot of to-day. It is the sense of an old order, changeless, an illusion shattered, of a sadness that belongs to things outworn and outdated. In the midst of a world up-ended by war, the little town has been snatched up, whirled out, of the calm conventions of its old life, and converted into the centre of a modern soldier-making that would have shocked its old-time inhabitants out of their five senses. Most of those old inhabitants are gone now. The flower of the old British army, in whose making Aldershot played such a great part, spent itself in one last supreme sacrifice upon the field of Mons. To-day Aldershot's winding streets and tier on tier of grimy brick barracks resound to be tread of an army which instead of being involved by slow and gradual process, sprang up miraculously like the fruit of the old army was shaped by rigid rules and traditions, the product of long years of slow experience. The new army has blazed

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Gray, faded hair, though no disgrace, is a sign of old age, and as we all desire a youthful and attractive appearance, get busy at once with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound and look years younger. This ready-to-use preparation is a delightful toilet requisite and not a medicine. It is not intended for the cure, mitigation or prevention of disease.

into being at the touch of a big impulse. It is this army that one sees in the making in the Aldershot of to-day. Aldershot is a soldiers' town. The civilian is conspicuous by his absence in the normal life of the place. Indeed, civilians are practically limited to the female sex—soldiers' wives and the women folk of the shopkeepers, the latter being practically the only men not in uniform to be seen about the streets. Its buildings are buildings for housing soldiers—great blocks of solid brick barracks, drill halls, gymnasium schools of instruction, places of amusement. The very shops—there are one or two streets of them—cater chiefly to soldiers' needs. Military outfitters there are in plenty and book stores where military textbooks have the place of honor in the window. The headquarters of a great publishing house which specializes in army books and publications is prominent in the main street. And all day long, in those great rambling barracks and bare, foot-beaten squares men in uniform are drilling and working.

Fine, Quick Training. When night falls, and the day's list of duties is over, they throng the streets—dark and sombre, with only a glimmering light or two in these days of air raids—a crowd without variousness, for all the same allegiance. And if there be need for the intervention of authority in this period of relaxation, it is not a blue-coated symbol of that

intractable element who steps in, but a member of the military police. In Aldershot are stationed some of the crack training reserve battalions of the British army of the present. They have been organized and are officered by men who have seen actual fighting, at the front, and the training is designed to fit these men, taken raw from their various peaceful occupations to become efficient units in the strenuous and exacting work of modern warfare. Along with a number of other Canadian officers, I was attached for a time to one of these units for instruction in training methods. It happened that at this particular time the unit in question was handling drafts of youths from the east end of London—lads just under the age for active service who would have reached that age by the time their training had been completed. For that reason they were kept a little longer than men of military age would have been, but even at that the rapidity with which the necessary transformation was accomplished bordered on the miraculous to the observer, and in all essentials the system was the one which has become the standard in all British training units.

The different classes contained lads at each of the stages of progressive training, and simply by passing from one class to the other one could see the results of the system. The changes worked by even two weeks of such skillful soldier-making were astounding. To see pale, ill-nourished, listless city lads being changed into solid, smart, quick-thinking and quick-acting men before one's eyes in a few weeks was profoundly moving.

New Era Begun.

If the nation can do so much for the bodies and minds of children in time of war, only to see them lost to it prematurely in a fearful if necessary sacrifice why, one was tempted to ask, can it not do so in time of peace?

Amongst the buildings which give to Aldershot its tone of solidity and age are a number of great military hospitals. To these come for treatment in these days of disabling war not only English soldiers, but men from beyond the seas—Australians and South Africans and Canadians. The hospital is situated on the top of a hill which rises to the centre of the town. One day as I stood on the edge of the hill and looked out, the smiling Hampshire landscape lay spread before us with airplanes buzzing and manoeuvring in the blue sky above, and down below the crowded barracks of the town, with khaki-clad men drilling on the squares. Far off among the trees, at a distance, the most famous of military colleges was hidden from sight. In another direction was the monument which the Empress Eugenie had erected to the memory of her royal husband. Looking down upon it all from above the scene seemed steeped in the spirit of the past. Aldershot, the ancient home of soldiering!

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Citizens' Union Committee

shot, the ancient home of soldiering!

And then flashed upon me the thought that all that had changed. Down there below us were drilling the symbols of a new era. Was it not true that Aldershot the old Aldershot had really passed away for good? Was it not true that this war was placing the professional soldier among the outworn institutions of the past?

PORTUGUESE CABINET

By Courier Leased Wire

Lisbon, Portugal, Tuesday, Dec. 11.—Dr. Siconolfi Pas, leader of the revolution, has been made premier, and foreign minister; Machado Santos, who led the uprising a year ago, has been appointed minister of the interior. The other portfolios have been distributed as follows: Public Instruction, Alfredo Magalhães; Justice, Moura Pinto; Labor, Feliciano Costa; Marine, Aresta Branco; Commerce, Xavier Esteves; Finance, Santos Viegas; Colonies, Tamagnini Barboza.

FREIGHTERS RELEASED

By Courier Leased Wire

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 12.—Approximately thirty-five lake freighters, imprisoned in the ice in the Livingston channel, below here and near Port Huron, were expected to resume their trip down the lakes to-day, after having been released by powerful icebreakers. They were all in the Detroit River to-day waiting for a passage to be opened into clear water in Lake Erie. Ice from six to eight inches thick is reported in St. Marys River at Sault Ste. Marie, but a big car ferry is keeping a channel open.

Mrs. Roy W. Cook has returned to St. Catharines after spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. B. Batchelor, Echo Place.

Mrs. Frank Snider and her sister, Mrs. Roy W. Cook, of St. Catharines, were guests of friends in Hamilton on Sunday.

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