Rev. E. B. Hooper Writes of Impressions on Holding Service for Our Boys on November 21

"Mud-Covered and Dishevelled, Yet They Have Look of Men Who Have Faced Hell and Death and Are Ready to Face It Again"-A Christmas Message to Those Whose Loved Ones Are Fallen.

Captain the Rev. E. B. Hooper, chaplain of the 6th Field Ambulance, writing from the front on Nov. 22 to a friend in St. John, gives interesting and stirring details concerning the work of the chaplains and ambulances and the activities of the 26th Battalion, near which Captain Hooper has been constant-

activities of the 26th Battalion, near which Captain Hooper has been constantly on duty. The chaplain writes, in part:

I am still attached as chaplain to the 6th Field Ambulance, and have daily had reason to be deeply and truly thankful that duty and obedience to authority have placed me here. What I rebelled against at first, and grieved over most sorely—my separation from the 26th Battalion—has proved to be a very real blessing. Twenty minutes walk takes me to their headquarters, less than that to the billets of the machine gun section, in which I am specially interested because of my son being one of them, so that when they are out of the trenches I can readily visit them, and on the Sundays they are back from the firing line I hold their church parade services and in other ways can minister to them. In other words, I can see as much of them as though I were attached to them as chaplain, while at the same time I have most comfortable quarters to them as chaplain, while at the same time I have most comfortable quarters with the officers of the 6th Field Ambulance, and work which fills every day with duty which is most congenial to me, i.e., ministering to sick and wo

Our ambulance is, in addition to its work as such, conducting a large rest station or hospital, and here we receive sick men from the whole 2nd Canadian Division. When men are at all seriously wounded they remain but a few hours at the most in the ambulance, whereas the sick remain for several days.

When any of the 26th are sick they come to us here, so that they share in whatever attention I am able to give to the patients here. My own son was brought here, when he was suffering from the too common complaint known is "trench feet," and right thankful I was to have him feet. ach feet," and right thankful I was to have him for seven days under my eye and care, for I knew that he could not then be getting into mischief or trouble in the trenches. So is it with the other lads who fall sick from "our" battalion, of the lade in the trenches in the first that it is a single property of the lade in the property of the lade in the

CHANGED APPEARANCE BUT HEARTS AS OF OLD.

The following are extracts from a letter from Rev. E. B., Hooper to a friend in St. Jolin 21 of

Yesterday (Sunday), I had the privilege of conducting church parade service for "our" battalions, 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 speckless 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 staided 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 or the varied uniform, but the faces of what the eye fixed, on was not the mud or 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 INDEED, AND OF MEN WHO HAVE FACED HELL AND DEATH, AND ARE READY, TO FACE IT AGAIN.

ALL GENTLEMEN UNAFRAID.

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 unabashed 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."

SOCIAL INTERCOURSE POSSIBLE.

I meet many of the officers here in the convent from time to time. When out of the trenches they often come for a hot bath or for a dinner, and many a time they come up after their evening dinner in the convent kitchen and have a good smoke and chat in my line bedroom, a room which is shared by Father Guay and Father Knox, both of them most genial men and military chaplains.

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 we had 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. Knowliton 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 told our lads yesterday at church parade that in spite of my being removed to ambulance or to hospital that my heart was with the 26th Battalion so long as the war shall last and so long as the battalion has any existence as such. And these are no empty words. I love them. I glory in them, and whenever I meet a man with 26th upon his cap, my hand goes out to that man and my heart with it.

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Of my own work here I will say but little. The sick and wounded in our ambulance and hospital are my special charge. We have some 250 patients, and every day I go among them with cigarettes and writing material for every man and many a good chat I have with one here and there. When I see a fellow a bit dejected looking or suffering I get down beside him and cheer him or sympathize or in other ways minister to him. And they are a fine lot of fellows these men from Canada. They make me feel proud to be able to say "I am a Canadian."

NERVE TORTURE BOMBARDMENT.

For a solid week we have been enduring the nerve torture of a reciprocal bombardment. And we seem to be very near the centre of things. German shells have been bursting to right of us, to left of us and in front of us, not more than a mile away in either direction, while our own guns, big and little, have been adding to the hideous uproar. The windows in our toom shake and rattle with the heavy concussions. This is only the chaplain's story of it—the men don't mind these things a bit.

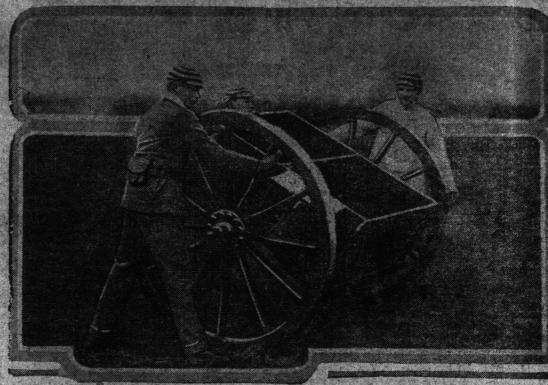
A THRILLING SIGHT.

The other day just at dusk, when I was about to go up to the village near by, I witnessed what to me was a most impressive sight. Two battalions, one headed by pipers, the other by a brass band, were marching out on their way to the trenches. Over the hill towards which they were marching was the roar and din of artillery, machine gun and rifle fire. Separated by about 100 yards, these two battalions marched by. The men in heavy marching order swung along in step to the inspiring music. They were smoking, laughing and singing. I stood on the roadside thrilled, with profound admiration for them and something like contempt for myself as I witnessed their brave and non-chalant bearing as they marched on into what seemed to me in the dark of the evening something like a similitude of hell. And these men were men from Canada.

BE GLAD FOR THE DAY.

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 70 cmg men to see their duty and to do it. Let me close be wishing to you and to all who read this letter a Happy Christmas. It anticipates by a few days the Great Birthday itself. However sad our hearts may be, let us be able to be glad for the birth of Him who taught mankind the principles for which we light today—Honor, Justice and Liberty,

YOUNG PRINCE HENRY A WAR WORKER



stores at a nearby station. H.R.H. Prince Henry, His Majesty's third son, worked enthusiastically with school fellows. The photo shows the Prince (or left) at the wheel

MONCTON MAN KILLED; MEMBER OF 55TH LL

Canadian Press as a messenger for The Pelegraph and Standard, afterwards oined the staff of McDougall and Govans and later was employed at the Park otel, giving up his position to enlist.

John F. Wall, of Campbellton, is perfectly acrously ill orted seriously ill.

Charles B. Langille, of Halifax, 50th, reported seriously ill.

Sapper Thys Kentie, of the Construction Corps, is reported suffering from

Ottawa, Dec. 19-Today's

HAMPION DEGRE WRITES FROM FRONT ASKING FOR SOCKS

Hampton Village, Dec. 16—Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Dann leave today for Bos-ton, where they will spend the Christ-mas season.

In a letter from Lieut. George Otty, of A squadron, now in France, he says that the men are badly in need of socks, thirty or forty in his troop being without them. Any contributions of knitting to go toward helping in this particular need will be thankfully received by Mrs. G. O. D. Otty and forwarded to her son. Courtland Otty, who has been in the hospital, is on duty again Mr. and Mrs. Smith Crawford, of St. John, spent lost week with Mr. and Mrs. Roberts.

London, Dec. 17—It was officially and both vessels were saved.

nounced tonight by the private secretary to Earl Kitchener, British secretary of war, that the report of the engagement of Earl Kitchener to the Dowager Coun-

ROYAL DUKE'S YEAR-END MESSAGE TO BOY SCOUTS THROUGHOUT CANADA.

New York, Dec. 17—Paul Koenig, formerly head of the Secret Service of the Hamburg-American line, and Richard Emil Lindecker, were arrested tonight by agents of the department of justice, charged with conspiring to attenue to

FIELD MARSHAL FRENCH IN PARIS ON WAY HOME

Paris, Dec. 19-Field Marshal Sir 25 Miles Into Montenegro. John French arrived at Paris this even ing from the front. He will be received tomorrow afternoon by President Poin

VISCOUNT FRENCH PREDICTS **VICTORY IN HIS VALEDICTORY** TO BRITISH ARMY IN FIELD

London, Dec. 19-Field Marshal Sir John French issued the following official order of the day yesterday, before leaving the army on the

"In relinquishing command of the British army in France I wish to express to the officers, the non-comissioned officers and men, with whom I have been so closely associated during the last sixteen months, my heartfelt sorrow in parting with them before the campaign, in which we have been so long engaged to-gether, has been brought to a vic-

"I have, however, the firmest inviction that such a glorious forts is not far distant, and I shall watch their progress towards this final goal with intense inter-

est, but in the most confident hope. The success so far attained has been due to the indomitable spirit and dogged tenacity, which knows no defeat, and the heroic by the rank and file of the splendid army, which it will ever re-main the pride and glory of my life to have commanded during over sixteen months of incessant

"The regulars and the terrimagnificent qualities in equal de-gree. From my heart I thank

"At this sad moment of part-VISCOUNT FRENCH ing my heart goes out to who have received life long injury from wounds, and I think, with sor-

row, of that great and glorious host of my beloved comrades who have made the greatest sacrifice of all, by laying down their lives for their "In saying good-bye to the British army in France, I ask them once again to accept this expression of my deepest gratitude and heartfelt devotion towards them, and my earnest good wishes for a glorious future,

"J. D. P. FRENCH,

"Field Marshal, Commanding-in-chief, British Army in France."

Another German Cruiser Sunk

Amsterdam, Dec. 20-It has been officially announced in Berlin that the small German cruiser Bremen and a torpedo boat accompanying her have been sunk by a submarine in the eastern Baltic sea. The announcement stated that a considerable portion of the crews of

The Bremen was built in 1903. She had a displacement of 3,250 tons, was 340 feet long and 43 1-2 feet beam and in peace times carried a crew of about 300 men. She was in St. John a few years ago and was the only one of the German cruisers at large at the outbreak of war to escape and reach German home waters.

the steamer Oscar II., having on board the ford peace party, has been permitted to proceed on her voyage to Christians.

The foreign office understands the steamship has sailed from Kirkwall into which port it was taken by the British authorities. Guarantees were required that certain parts of the steamship's cargo must be returned to England.

The Editor of The Telegraph:

THROUGHOUT CANADA

Gerald H. Brown, honorary dominion secretary of the Boy Scouts, upon instructions from his royal highness the chief scout, has distributed a circular the entrance to the Finnish Gulf.

Bremen was returning, with lights out, from an inspection of the entrance to the Finnish Gulf.

The Correspondent adds that the attack was made by two British evaluable the year, especially in receiving wounded soldiers and looking after their comfort. He says to the officers and members of the capture of Pjeloplfe, 250 miles from the Servian porder, has been occupied. In the fighting which resulted in the capture of Pjeloplfe, 250 prisoners were taken, among them a small number of Montenegrins. In the last few days Austrian-Hungarian troops have decided to open a Convescent on the service of the Loyalist Chapter, Mrs. Malcolm McAvity, who is now in Folkestone that the body has done during the year, especially in receiving wounded soldiers and looking after their comfort. He says to the officers and owing after their comforts throughout Canada:

To the Boy Scouts throughout Canad London, Dec. 20-The Daily Mail's Copenhagen correspondent 25 miles from the Servian porder, has

"Except for artiflery activity on both sides, there has been no further devel- Austrian Statement. "Except for artiflery activity on both sides, there has been no further development during the day. The hostile artiflery was unusually active east of Ypers and also against our trenches west and south of Messines.

"The enemy blew up two mines in front of our trenches east of Armentieres as follows:

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"The enemy blew up two mines in front of our trenches east of Armentieres early this morning. Hostile infantry attempted to occupy the craters, but were driven off by our rifle fire.

"On the rest of the front there is nothing important to report. An enemy seroplane was brought down by our fire today east of Armentieres."

25 Miles Into Montenegro.

Berlin, Dec. 18, via wireless to Sayville—The Teutonic invasion of Monte-trees and the territory northeast of the Tara negro has resulted in clearing a consider-river, southward from Majkovac, about a brought in."

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"Russian theatre: Beyond local artillery actions there is nothing to report.

"Italian theatre: On the northern shelves of Monte San Michele the Italians delivered infantry attacks which were repulsed. The situation is unchanged.

"Southeastern theatre: The fighting in Montenegro continues to take a favorable course. Yesterday about eight hundred Montenegrin prisoners were brought in."

Newcastle, Dec. 16—Geo. H. Oak, of Quarryville, whose two sons, one, Geo. In Montenegro continues to take a favorable course. Yesterday about eight hundred Montenegrin prisoners were brought in."

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COUGH CURE

SUPREME EFFORT IS NECESSARY TO MEET EXTREMITY

ord Mayor of London Appeals to the Public-Seven Millions of Heroic Unanimous Choice of Great Little Nation Living in Misery That Can Scarcely Be Conceived.

London, Dec 15—"Only organized effort on an unprecedented scale will avert the tragedy of the collapse of the self-restraint of the Belgian people, which must come when they face starvation," says the Lord Mayor of London. "In caring for the 200,000 Belgian refugees in this country, we are apt to forget that the great bulk of the Belgian nation—at least seven millions of them—are living under conditions of such misery as can scarcely be conceived by a people who, like ourselves, have been spared the horrors of invasion.

"Faced with a situation from which there is no immediate escape, deprived of their freedom, the people of desolated to keep themselves alive. Shall it ever be said that we denied them this?"

A is appeals such as this made by the Lord Mayor of London that, in the past, have been met with responses that have kept the Belgian people from starvation. Canada's response early in this year was remarkable and another shipment of food supply is expected from that source soon. An appeal is being made direct from Belgium—almost from the starving people themselves, afthough they are slow to utter complaint—and it is anticipated by those who are working for the Belgian cause here that this appeal will be answered as generously as previously.

Canada's wheat crop this year is much

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Canada's wheat crop this year is much in excess of that of any previous year, a strange and happy coincidence and of this bountiful harvest it is expected the this bountiful harvest it is expected the people of Canada will give the Belgians the one thing they need most—wheat. Wheat, unground, not only provides food but it provides work for the Belgians and they are as anxious to work as they are to eat. One bag of flour, which costs in the neighborhood of \$2.50 in Canada will keep one Belgian family alive a month and for individual donations of one bag of flour or the equivalent in wheat or money the Belgian relief branch committee in Montreal is appealing at the request of the workers in London and in Belgium.

Belgium.

Fredericton, Dec. 16—(Special)—Capt. F. A. Good, of this city, has received word that his son, Lieut, Alvah Good, has been transferred from the 23rd Battalion to the 25th as signalling officer. At the time of writing Lieut. Good expected to leave England for France in a short time.

S. A. R. MacDonald, formerly of the firm of Hunt & MacDonald, druggists, of this city, is now dispenser in the Canadian hospital at London. He joined the Army Medical Corps in Winnipeg.

FORD PEACE PARTY ALLOWED TO GO FORWARD FROM KIRKWALL

PIUS MICHAUD, M. P., NOMINATED AS CANDIDATE

Liberal Conventioon at Madawaska.

In connection with the appointment of Sir Douglas Haig as commander-in-chief of the British forces in France and Flanders, it may be noted that the Earl London, Dec. 17—Announcement was of Ashburnham, now residing in Fredmade by the foreign office tonight that the steamer Oscar II., having on board sween Sir Douglas joined as a sub-

The Editor of The Telegraph:

throughout Canada:

To the Boy Scouts throughout Canada I am charged to convey this year-end message from his royal highness the chief scout:

"Thank you Boy Scouts each and all for all that you have done and are doing. The inspiration of your youthful example naminations manufactory at Caiffa (on the Syrian coast)."

The inspiration of your youthful example name for all that you have done and are doing. The inspiration of your youthful example name for all that you have done and are doing. The inspiration of your youthful example name for all that you have done and are doing. The inspiration of your youthful example name is not to many of us seniors than you yourselves know."

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OF CONSPIRING TO BLOW

New York, Dec. 17—Paul Koenig, formerly head of the Secret Service of the Secret Ser

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PEARMAN - WELCH David's church, on 15t J. A. MacKeigan, Hug of the Bank of Mont

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sex, on Dec. 15, Willian seventy-three years, lear sons and three daughte sons and three daughte and one sister to mourn, EMERY—Suddenly, a Exmouth street, Saran of Andrew Emery DAVIS—In this city Elizabeth, widow of

BRITTAIN-Entered 18th inst, at his late Patrick street, John Brit year of his age, leaving three sons and one day ents. 126 River street. Walter T., eldest child Beatrice Hart, leaving one sister to mourn.

IN MEMOR

In memory of James departed this life Dec. In loving memory of and father, Thomas E who departed from thi Sleep on dear father, the Thy willing hands can The midnight star shine

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Mrs. Mary Seely and wish to thank their me their kind sympathy floral tributes in their

The family of the lat Nerepis, King's county press to neighbors and sincere gratitude for the respect shown at the tree of the son's death, and partie son's death, and partic grateful to the Rev. Cra although ill, left his sick burial service.

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must go to bed now." replied Johnny muti deeper in the chair. "(sonny," persisted fath know that 'Early to rise makes a man healt wise, my boy." John man in silence for a m said, with a wise shak "You didn't go to bed were a boy, did you, fa

Her Fam Modest Suitor—I ha year, sir; but I think I

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