

AUSTRALIA PREPARES TO SEND 250,000 MEN TO THE FRONT

Melbourne, Nov. 14.—A military force of 250,000 men will be Australia's contribution to the war, if needed for the defence of the Empire. Australia already has sent off her first contingent to aid the Allies in Europe, and shortly expects to have 50,000 men on the fighting line. Besides this army, Australia has in training approximately 200,000 reservists, comprising all branches of the service. These men are drilling every day and will soon be ready to take their places in the firing line if needed.

Besides her army, Australia has contributed a well-balanced fleet to the protection of British interests in the South Seas.

GERMAN PLANS ALL QUEERED IN POLAND

Russians Won Great Political Victory as Well as Military Advantage For all Poles Are on Their Side

Warsaw, Poland, Nov. 15.—The failure of the Austro-German campaign in Poland was more than a military checked; it was a great political defeat. The Germans believed that the invasion of Poland would be easy because the people of Poland were in favor of Germany. The crystallizing of Poland's German sympathy was reported, and an army was brought into the field under a Saxon royal prince, for the purpose of incorporating, after the capture of Warsaw, Russian Poland into the German Empire under a Saxon monarch. This kingdom was not to include the Austrian or German Poland of to-day.

Spoiled German Plans. Grand Duke Nicholas made the German plans impossible of realization by his famous proclamation declaring that all parts of the old dismembered Poland would be united and granted autonomy if Russia won. After the outbreak of the war public opinion in Poland, excepting that of the Jewish population, developed with astonishing swiftness in opposition to Germany and in favor of Russia. The German invasion met a hostile population, and Russia at the eleventh hour determined to defend Warsaw.

Great Russian. Grand Duke Nicholas now towers as the greatest Russian figure in the war. He is beloved by the army, and is looked upon by the Poles as their savior. Since he allowed the Poles to organize their forces under Polish officers, who use only the Polish language, a privilege forbidden for the last seventy years, a strong feeling has been growing among the Poles that the Grand Duke is the man to head the new Polish autonomy.

The organization of the Russian army far exceeds expectations. It is forging ahead at the rate of twenty kilometres (twelve miles) a day, sometimes against rear-guard actions, with the enemy, where Austrians have been left to cover the retreat.

Japanese Give French The Use Of Field Guns

Paris, Nov. 16.—The French army now has the use of the 105-millimeter field guns built in France to re-arm the artillery forces of Japan. When the war began, part of the guns had been delivered and another large consignment was on the ocean.

Japan was asked by France if she might take the guns. The Japanese Government cabled promptly placing them at the disposition of France and announced that she was sending back those already delivered so that the French army might use them. The vessel conveying the last consignment had already reached Colombo when it was intercepted.

CANADA LOSES A FINANCIER

Toronto, Nov. 17.—D. R. Wilkie, Manager of the Imperial Bank of Canada, and President of the Canadian Banker Association, is dead.

AUSTRIANS NOW NEAR BELGRADE

Berlin, Nov. 18.—The occupation of Belgrade, Serbia, by the Austrians is, apparently, imminent, according to an official announcement made public here.

Passed Wreckage

Hon. J. C. Crosbie had the following message from the Captain of the Fogota, from Bay de Verde last night: "Passed by pieces of wreckage, two miles E.N.E. from Narrows. Apparently staunchion of a vessel."

ENGLISHMEN ONCE ENGLISHMEN EVER

Capt. Saunders British Born, American Resident, Would Fight For King

By recent mail, a gentleman in this city had a letter from Capt. H. B. Saunders, who is now residing in New Jersey.

Captain Saunders, who was born in the Old Land but has resided in America for some time, like every other son of the Mother Country who lives in foreign lands, true British blood flows in his veins. He says: "If I were five years younger I would shoulder my gun and go fight the enemy of the King but as we cannot go to the front I will do the next best thing, put our hands down deep in our pockets and contribute to the support of those the soldiers have left behind."

The captain has a warm spot in his heart for Newfoundland and he was proud of the Governor, when he read that we are doing our bit. He knows several of our volunteers and he is confident no more hard's lot can be found anywhere.

We thank him for his kindly reference and assure him that the boys from this Colony, whether on land or sea will do their duty fearlessly and well.

Canadian Officer Is Killed in Action

Toronto, Nov. 17.—Lieut. Gordon MacKenzie, of Toronto, has been killed in action in France. He was with the Royal Scots Fusiliers when he met his death.

Lieutenant MacKenzie was a graduate of the Royal Military College.

Thanksgiving Day

Sunday next has been appointed as Thanksgiving Day in the Church of England, in this Diocese. Although our Empire is taking part in a terrible war the Colony has much to be thankful for.

Serious Assault Case

Const. Tobin brought to town on Monday night, James Lake, a 69-year-old resident of Bar Haven, who was sentenced to six months imprisonment by the Magistrate at Placentia for assault on a 12-year-old girl. The child's father is dead and Lake's wife adopted her and she has been living with them for several months.

Smoking Concert

A grand smoking concert will be given in the Casino to-night tonight, Dec. 2nd, under the able direction of Mr. King, the popular organist, etc., ably assisted by our best local talent, the net proceeds to be equally divided between Belevdere, Methodist and Church of England Orphanages.

S. S. Othello leaves Alexander Bay to-morrow with pit props.

The s.s. Beothic arrived at North Sydney on Monday and will load coal for this port.

BOARD. Two Gentlemen Boarders, or a man and his wife, can be accommodated with board and lodging at 269 Theatre Hill.—nov18,31



Newfoundland Patriotic Association.

A General Meeting of the Association will be held in the C.L.B. Armoury on Thursday Evening, 19th inst., at 8 o'clock.

V. P. BURKE, Secretary. nov18,19

Roy Robertson Dons The Khaki

Mrs. J. R. Robertson received a letter yesterday from her son Roy Mc-volunteered for the front.

He was in Texas when the war broke out and he proceeded to Scotland and enlisted with the Highland Light Infantry Brigade.

For the last two months he has been in the trenches at Fourth Bridge getting in trim for the front where he expects to go shortly.

Roy has travelled all over the world and it will not surprise his friends to learn that he has offered to fight for his King and country. He has the best wishes of all.

SHIPPING

Portia arrived at Curling at 3 and left at 3.30 a.m.

S. S. Nascope sails for Spain at 5 p.m.

S. S. Tabasco leaves Liverpool to-morrow for St. John's.

S. S. Florizel leaves New York on Saturday.

S. S. Adventure left Naples, Nov. 12, for Sydney.

S. S. Beothic sails for Spain on the 28th.

S. S. Carthaginian sails at 5 this evening.

Schr. Willie K., 8 days from Georgetown, has arrived to W. Kennedy with produce.

The s.s. Morwenna, Holmes, sailed at noon yesterday for Summerside and Charlottetown and will return with a cargo of produce.

New Nickel Films Are Specially Good

There is a new programme at the Nickel Theatre this evening, and that it will give general satisfaction is certain.

The majestic players appear in the two-reel film. It is entitled "The Thief and the Book" and is a thrilling drama of life in the under-world of a great city. It is a gripping and compelling story, and is certain to please all.

"An Easter Lily" is a great story. Nothing like it has ever been seen before—"She is as black as ink and yet as white as snow." Don't miss it.

"The Doctor's Secret" is a strong drama which Norma Talmadge and Lee Delaney play the chief characters. "A Muddy Romance" is a Keystone comedy, and one of the funniest ever seen in St. John's.

There will also be a Mutual Weekly with the latest news events of the world.

Be sure and hear Mr. Arthur C. Huskins' song this evening.

Friday there will be given a two-part social drama by the Vitagraph artists, "The Vanity Case" in which Dorothy Kelly and Julia Swayne Gordon are featured.



A Special Meeting of Royal Oak Lodge, No. 22, will be held this Wednesday, at 8 p.m., when the P.G. Master will be present to present pictures received from Canada.

All members and visiting brethren are requested to be present.

By order of W.M., R. SIMMONS, Rec. Secretary. nov18,11

(Under the Distinguished Patronage of His Excellency the Governor.)

The Third Lecture Of the Autumn Course At King George The Fifth Institute

Will be delivered by the REV. CANON WHITE, Sub-Dean of the C. of E. Cathedral, in the Grenfell Hall, on Monday Evening next, the 23rd inst. Subject:

"THE TRAIL OF THE WAR-LORD."

Doors open at half-past 7 o'clock. Chair to be taken at 8.30. General admission, 10 cents. Reserved seats, 20 cents. Tickets to be had at the Atlantic Book Store and at the Institute.

ALEX. A. PARSONS, Secy. Lt. Com. nov18,23

ATROCITIES OF GERMANS STIR DUTCH

Three Battalions of Hollanders Address Indignant Remonstrance to German Minister at the Hague

The Hague, Nov. 15.—Mention has been made of the frequency with which the Dutch regiments on frontier duty have to be relieved in order to prevent them from coming to blows with the Germans.

The German minister at The Hague has just received an address from three Dutch battalions in Limberg, who ask him to inform the Kaiser that they can personally testify to atrocities committed by German troops on the Belgian frontier.

The communication concludes with an expression of profound indignation at the sights witnessed, and warns the minister that if by chance German troops should violate Dutch territory the Dutch would kill them to a man, if only to make some small revenge for what the heroic Belgians had to suffer.

The Minister has communicated all this to the Dutch Government, and made a formal demand that the affair be inquired into and the soldiers punished for what he terms "their lying and insulting communication."

HE WAS A HERO AND HIS NAME WAS MURPHY

How an Irishman Silenced a Sniper—Some Dirty Tricks of the Kaiser's Soldiers—Good Work of Aeroplanes

THE following are extracts from a letter written by Lieut. Oswald Anne., of the Royal Artillery, to his father:

"Cigs." all arrived, and saved my life, also load of chocolate. Screaming women rush everywhere during conflicts howling 'Trahie,' 'Perdue,' 'Sauve qui peut.' One of D battery R. H.A.U. C.O., told us they had mowed 'Sausage-makers' down for ten minutes in one action as hard as they could load and still they came in mass, till at last the shrieking men ran all ways, not knowing where, leaving heaps of semi-moving remnants on the ground.

Very Lucky. "Our crowd having so far escaped untouched, are very lucky. Several brigades have had the devil's own hall of shot over them. Please send me some newspapers sometimes, as we have not seen one since I left, bar some old French Petit Parisiennes.

"The Scots Greys from York and the 12th Lancers did great work recently on hostile cavalry and about wiped out those opposed to them. The Guards are in great form, and fairly sailed into the Dutchmen at our night show three days back. Very little sleep now-a-days, up at dawn almost always, very often before that hour.

German Stratagem. "A German regiment, dressed in English uniforms, the other day billeted with an English regiment (at the other end of the town), and when the latter marched out they were about broken up by maxim fire from the bedroom windows.

A German force arrived elsewhere, the Berkshire Regiment were on guard, and the former, in French uniforms, called out from the wire entanglements that they wanted to interview the C.O. A major went forward who spoke French and was shot down immediately.

So Much the Worse. This sort of thing is of daily occurrence, and only makes matters worse for the 'Sausage-makers' when our infantry get into them. Thanks for the cigarettes, which arrived just before night attack began, when missiles were wrecking the town shortly afterwards.

A sapper from Dublin now at the front in a long letter to a friend says: "The Germans firing at the aeroplanes is a source of continuous amusement to us. For instance, one day they fired one hundred and twenty-eight shells in our particular zone, and not one was effective. They scarcely ever got within a hundred yards of one, and our chaps circled round and round seeking their positions and directing fire.

Do Good Work. The amount of good work they have done will hardly ever be known by those who have not seen. When a shell is fired at one of the aeroplanes and it is some distance away, you fancy a balloon being blown out and the folds gradually becoming undone.

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That is the best picture I can give you. Smoke the size of a pin-point until it gradually opens out to balloon size and fades away, though it sometimes takes more than an hour to go. We can smile for our airman are pretty cool, and come on again and again for more."

Gallant Deed. A private in the Coldstream Guards tells the following story of an Irishman: "While we were at Solisoss, a private of the South Staffs, named Murphy, performed a gallant deed. They were on outpost duty and were being picked off by snipers, and in broad Irish voice, he'd find where the sniper was concealed. Despite the remonstrances of his officer he kept on hunting for his man. Two nights later Murphy was missing from his post, but the sniping had stopped.

Later on search being made for him he was found lying at the foot of a big tree, close beside the body of the sniper, who was pinned to the ground with Murphy's bayonet. Murphy told the officer that when he located the 'blighter' he was high up the tree. Getting underneath he threatened to shoot when the German dropped his rifle and scrambled down. "Then I gave him a good basting with my fists and finished him off by pinning him down."

ATTITUDE OF GERMAN SOCIALISM Springfield Republican:—There can be little doubt that the great mass of the people in every one of the nations now at war believe they are defending their country, no more and no less. In Germany this belief was made virtually universal by the government's success in representing Russia as the aggressor. The German socialists were at the government's mercy in the formation of public opinion concerning the imminence of the Russian peril, for the government, with its absolute control of the diplomatic records, was able to publish, suppress or color the facts concerning the making of this war precisely as it pleased, until war was upon the nation. Once war was visualized, the nation saw a ring of enemies seeking to destroy it, and opposition to war was no more possible than opposition to a whirlwind.

WHY PERPIDIOUS? New York Globe:—Whatever her enemies may say of England's policy, it is difficult to understand how any man of sense can call it perfidious in the present instance. Surely she has made no bones about her hostility to Germany. That Germans should resent it is only human nature. But there is a strange incongruity in the epithets they apply to it. On the one hand, they point out how England has for years joined with the other

WORLD'S PRESS ON THE BIG WAR

READINESS OF THE ALLIES

Richmond, Va., News Leader:—Impressive is the readiness with which the Allies have shaped their strategy to meet the Germans and have met with steadiness the perfect organization of the Kaiser. We estimated, along with many others, that the Allies would suffer adversity for at least three months before they could develop a fighting force able to cope with the perfect war machine of the Kaiser. It seemed only reasonable to reckon on numerous and important advantages for an army conceded to be the best in the world's history, if we except that of Lee.

AN ANONYMOUS WAR London Daily Express:—Officially, this is still an anonymous war, and even when we are told of striking individual acts of heroism, we are not allowed to know the names of the heroes. A British officer, for example, who had never before been up in an aeroplane, volunteered to help one of the French generals by acting as the observer in an air scout. He ascended 5,000 ft., made the required observations, and in addition had a thrilling duel with a German aviator! It is quite impossible to understand why the authorities should conceal the name of this officer. The country that honors his courage surely has the right to know his identity. This is one example of many. We thoroughly realize that secrecy is essential to the success of military operations, but secrecy is carried too far when it destroys the human interest in a great drama in which every one of us is vitally concerned.

Of the three new super-Dreadnoughts, on which work will soon be started, two will be built by contractors and the third at the Brooklyn Naval Yard. The cost of the three battleships when completed will be \$42,000,000, and in the system of naval warfare being waged in the North Sea all three might be blown up in an hour or so by a single 4,000-ton submarine. How many submarines could be built for \$42,000,000?

DO IT NOW! Its no use waiting till somebody else gets ahead of you. Now is the time to advertise in The Mail and Advocate.

Capt. Walter Kennedy, of Avondale, arrived by the noon train on a short business trip.

BIRTHS

BROPHY—On the 16th inst., a son to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brophy.

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