

'SPIRIT OF THEIR FATHERS' ACTUATED BRITISH SAILORS IN THE HELIGOLAND FIGHT

Story of the British Destroyer Laurel and of the Heroism of Her Commander One to Stir a Briton's Heart

BRITISH WARSHIPS USED AS LIVE BAIT

Luring Out the Germans—It Was a Live Fight and a Brisk One While it Lasted

London, Sept. 6.—The most striking experience in the naval battle of Heligoland was that of the destroyer Laurel, which led the division of four destroyers sent ahead by the British fleet to lure the Germans out, and the heroism of her Commander, Frank Rose, who stirred the British heart.

Sailors of the British ships who arrived at Harwich furnish additional details of the naval engagement which was the result of a trap set by the British Commanders to draw the Germans out.

One of the sailors, who said he was among those who were used as live bait, said to a correspondent of The Daily News and Leader:

"The bait was slowly pushed temptingly forward, till at last the attention of the German boats, feeling, as they thought, perfectly secure under protection of their own land defenses, was attracted.

Lured Them All Out

"A German cruiser came out and fired on the Fearless. We made a running fight to egg them on and two other German cruisers came out, and a couple of torpedo boats and a destroyer all had a pop at us.

"Then the smaller boats of the flotilla began to buzz around. We had drawn them out all right and the Commodore signalled for general action. Then the flotilla commenced to close round.

"By this time the Fearless was in the thick of it. All her guns were in action and the boys landed their shots grandly. We sent one of the cruisers to the bottom and looked around for more. The Arethusa was having a rough time of it. A couple of the enemy's torpedo boats were pounding away at her and she was being badly pressed. In dash the Fearless and I threw all her weight into the fight. She manoeuvred grandly and managed to send one of the torpedo boats below.

Shell Sets Mainz Afire

"Shortly afterward the Mainz burst into flames, apparently as the result of an explosion caused by a well directed shell. The whole ship seemed suddenly to be enveloped in flames. We could not say which of the destroyers inflicted the mortal blow, but they all gathered round like flies to rescue the German sailors in the water.

"The Fearless was struck nineteen times, but for the number of hits scored the damage is ridiculously small.

"The Laurel, which had the inside berth, was compelled for some time to face the fire of one cruiser and two destroyers.

The Heroic Commander

"The first shell hit the Laurel found its way to the engine room, killing four men. The second struck the forward gun, jamming a charge which was just about to be fired and killing three men. The third strike wounded Commander Frank Rose severely in the left leg, but though urged by his men to go below he shifted his weight to the other leg and continued to issue his orders as though nothing had happened.

"All this time the Laurel was making it desperately uncomfortable for the two destroyers with which she was engaged, one of which shortly afterwards went to the bottom. She was giving as good as she was getting, just as she was getting a piece of the fourth shell struck the commander on his sound leg, and brought him down on the ground, but he still declined to give way, though his signalman insisted on tearing off his trousers to prevent his wounds from being poisoned. He continued to fight his ship until he lost consciousness, just after he had learned they had managed to extract the charge from the damaged gun.

Save by Last Shell

"As he lay unconscious on the bridge one of the petty officers put a lifebelt around him for by this time only three rounds of ammunition remained, and though the British cruisers had appeared on the scene it seemed possible that the Laurel could not live much longer in the fire to which she was exposed.

14 VOLUNTEERS LAST NIGHT

Total is Now 863 and 485 Volunteers Have Been Attended For Service

Fourteen volunteers presented themselves at the Recruiting Office, C.L.B. Armory, last evening, bringing the total up to 863.

Those who signed were: St. John's: Jas. Ricketts, J. A. Ryan, John J. Robinson, J. Gledney, H. W. Cooke, W. Sheppard, W. P. Duggan, P. J. Murphy, F. Leo Miller, Carbonear: Josiah Squibb, Hedley Young.

Avondale: Walter Greene. Horse Cove: Albert J. Lawlor. Bell Island: Richard Peddie.

The Recruiting Office will not be open to-night, and the doctors will not be in attendance.

Those who wish to enlist as well as those who have enlisted and have not passed the medical exams, are asked to govern themselves accordingly.

Outpost recruiting offices will continue their work and send to the city the most suitable men available.

To-day there are 485 volunteers under canvas, so that only 15 are now needed to make the number promised.

Things are going along satisfactory at the camp and all are in good spirits. Great progress is being made with the drills and they are also becoming proficient with the rifle.

Hundreds of citizens visit the camp each evening.

MANY TOURISTS BY FLORIZEL

Dr. John S. Unger, Manager Central Research Laboratory, Carnegie Steel Co., Duquesne, Penna.; Charles E. Dinkey, Esq., General Superintendent of the Carnegie Steel Co., Braddock, Pa.; Geo. E. Wisener, Esq., General Superintendent Carnegie Steel Co., Steubenville, Ohio; Geo. E. Harris, Esq., Superintendent Finishing Department Edgar Thomson Works, Carnegie Steel Co., Braddock, Penna., will arrive by the Florizel to-morrow on a shooting trip.

Mr. P. C. O'Driscoll, representative of the United States Steel Corporation, is making their arrangements.

Patriotic Work

A meeting of the members of St. Thomas's Women's Association was held Monday afternoon, when it was unanimously decided to help out the work of the Patriotic Committee by making articles of clothing for the soldiers.

Attractive Bill At Nickel Theatre

An attractive bill will be given at the Nickel Theatre to-day, which will no doubt draw large audiences.

There are two two-reel pictures, each of which have been very favorably spoken of by the American Press.

The first is "The Forbidden Way," an intensely interesting tale of the underworld which shows whether it is possible to reclaim a criminal. Every action in this sensational story will be closely followed.

The other is a charming drama, beautifully staged, entitled "Hope," it was produced under the greatest difficulties and required very clever acting.

There will also be a comedy and Mr. De Witt C. Cairns will repeat his popular song.

"A final shell struck her amidships, enveloping her in a dense cloud of dust and smoke and all on board were certain that she was going to the bottom. That last shell, however, was to prove her salvation, for the dense cloud hung to her as she lay helpless on the water, and though the cloud was split in all directions by the enemy's projectiles not one succeeded in finding her in the heart of it. There was not the slightest flurry, though even the satisfaction of fighting had been taken from the men.

"Good-bye old man," said a blue-jacket, bleeding to death in the forecastle, to his mate stretched on deck beside him.

"My time's up, too," replied the other, calmly reaching out a hand to him, and with that handclasp they died.

"Twenty-two men were killed or wounded."

LADY DAVIDSON MAKES APPEAL

For Contributions to Enable the Women's Patriotic Association to Carry On Its Good Work

It has come to my notice that there are many in Newfoundland who are puzzled as to why the Patriotic Association of the Women of Newfoundland should appeal for funds, and what use these funds are for. Therefore I would like to give a short explanation at the same time as we make our first weekly acknowledgment of donations received, writes Lady Davidson.

Splendid Response I am glad to say we have had a splendid response to our appeal for workers, and we have over 500 names on our books in St. John's alone, all wishing to do some work for the sick and wounded and for our men at the front. Besides that we are also having a great many applications from the outposts for materials for use of the workers there. But the large majority of our willing workers are poor and can afford to give little or nothing towards the fund to buy materials, and it is quite clear that we cannot supply materials without a considerable fund to buy them with, consequently our work must be measured by the funds we receive. I can fix no limit as to what we need for we have no idea how long the war will continue—but money we must have, and a considerable amount too. I shall be very glad to receive and acknowledge donations, both large and small, that are sent to me or to the ladies of the Finance Committee, whose names and addresses are given.

Do Something

It may suit some best to do as I am doing, and that is to contribute periodically, as is most convenient to them, in small sums.

Please send us some contribution—I appeal to ALL—Men, Women and Children.

For the Relief of the Wounded

Subscriptions may be sent to the Treasurer or to any of the following members of the Financial Committee: Lady Davidson, Mrs. John Ayre, Miss Browning, Mrs. Garrett Byrne, Mrs. T. J. Daley, Mrs. T. J. Edens, Mrs. Hayward, Mrs. A. Macpherson, Mrs. H. Rendell.

The Treasurer begs to acknowledge with thanks receipt of the following subscriptions to date:

Table of donations for the relief of the wounded, listing names and amounts.

Mr. E. C. Robinson is returning to St. John's by the Carthaginian.

SAY STORIES OF OUTRAGES ARE QUITE TRUE

Special Belgian Commission Reports on Many Cases Investigated

SOME DEEDS DONE SEEN UNBELIEVABLE

And Mark Germans as Barbarous and Utterly Inhuman

Antwerp, Sept. 8.—The Commission of Inquiry to investigate for the Belgian Government the charges of German atrocities, transmitted its report to the Minister of Justice to-day.

It said in part: "We found evidence of violation of the laws of humanity in the German atrocities committed at Vise on Samael and Louvain and in the District of Malines.

Many Outrages "The Germans shot inoffensive pedestrians, cyclists, and peasants; they robbed public treasuries, commandeered food, burned and pillaged houses and towns on the excuse that the inhabitants fired first.

"They interned women in churches while the women were outraged. They were deporting men to Germany to work in fields.

"Belgians are compelled to serve against the Russians, and captured hostages, men, women and children, are compelled to march before the German troops showing a white flag in order to induce French troops to approach.

"Ten priests were shot."

AWFUL ATROCITY AGAINST WOMAN

German Soldier Hacked Off Hand of Hospitable Aged Lady

Dr. L. A. Jones, the Daily Post and Daily Chronicle special correspondent wires from Ostend:

Quite by chance I heard this morning of the most shocking stories of German ferocity that has so far been authenticated. In a tobacconist's shop I found a girl behind the counter, crying bitterly. She told me that her sister had just arrived from Liege.

A party of German brutes had billeted at the house of the girl's mother, just outside the town. The grey-haired old woman had done her best for the soldiers, and when they were leaving, they pretended to be grateful to her.

One of them extended his hand as if to shake hands with her, but at the same moment as she put forward her hand another German standing beside her raised his sword and deliberately hacked off the poor woman's hand at the wrist.

There is every reason to believe that this story is true in every detail as I have related it, and it is to be recorded officially with the rest of the proved atrocities of the invaders.

Fishery Improves

The fishery continues favorable at Petty Harbor and on Monday good fares were again secured by the men.

Coal Advances

Messages have been received from Sydney that the price of coal has advanced 25 cents per ton at the pit's mouth. The mine owners promise a better quality, and most consumers hope they will keep their promise.

Parade To-day

The work-horse parade which takes place this afternoon, is creating considerable interest amongst horse owners and drivers. It starts from the post office at 2.30 and is due at Government House half an hour later.

Prospero Sails

S.S. Prospero left at 10.15, taking a large freight and the following passengers:

Table of passengers on the S.S. Prospero, listing names and addresses.

KATHERINE EMERSON, Hon. Treasurer. St. John's, Sept. 8, 1914.

Advertisement for Fall 1914 hats, featuring 'Our First Showing Ladies' & Children's UNTRIMMED and READY-TO-WEAR HATS.'

Advertisement for Ayre & Sons Limited.

WASN'T ALLOWED TO GO TO FRONT

Capt. Carey-Evans Ordered To India Instead, to Rejoin His Regiment

Capt. F. Carey-Evans, brother-in-law of P. H. Knowling, Esq., who was spending a holiday in St. John's, and left early last month after England went to war, offered his services to the British Army.

He is on the medical staff of the Indian army, and when he left here hoped to go to the front with the British Army. He could not secure permission, however, but was rushed out to India.

Officers in England

There were 1600 officers of the Indian army in England at the time, and all had to return to India as soon as transportation could be arranged.

COME TO THE WORK HORSE PARADE.

The first annual St. John's Work-Horse Parade will be held, weather permitting on (this) Wednesday, Sept. 9th. The Parade will start at the Post Office at 2 p.m. and proceed thence to Government House Grounds where judging will take place.

MARRIAGES

PARSONS-HARVEY—At Hodge's Cove, Random, T.B., Aug. 31st, by the Rev. W. A. Butler, Alice Gertrude Harvey to Clement Baxter Parsons, both of this city.

DEATHS

MURPHY—At Montreal, Belinda Helen Warren, beloved wife of Jas. Murphy and mother of James, William, John and Mrs. Case, Mrs. Dart, Funeral from son's residence, 699 Rivard street, 7.30 Friday, 4th September. Interment from St. Michael's Church and to Cote des Neiges Cemetery.

Good Collection For Belvedere

The Rev. Mother Superior, St. Michael's Convent, Belvedere, gratefully acknowledges receipt of \$1,691.37, amount of Sunday's collection, a grand total reflecting the highest credit on the liberality of the St. John's citizens who, despite the many calls on their generosity have sustained their well-deserved reputation: Cathedral \$1,132.29 St. Patrick's 448.00 Kilbride 20.00 Littledale 20.00 St. Joseph's 33.17 Mount Cashel 26.00 Logy Bay 12.00 \$1,691.37

Floriston For Quebec

A message was received last evening that the damaged steamer Floriston then at Port Saunders was to leave to-day for Quebec for repairs.

Must be Experienced

Officers for the Indian service must be familiar with the native tongue, and great care must be taken regarding the local customs and practices as the Indians are very sensitive.

Volunteers From Catalina

Catalina, Sept. 4.—Since our last report things have gone from bad to worse in every line. There haven't been fifty quintals of fish landed since caplin school. Although it is not for the want of fish on the ground or men to catch it. It is all for the want of bait. Hundreds of quintals of fish will be lost again this fall through lack of bait.

Four Young Men Offer Their Services—Fishery Still Short, Outlook Poor

Bait depots should have been built here at least five years ago. Morris knows how to put duty on every thing to keep the poor tollers down. If he could exercise the same power to put duty on fish hooks (namely bait) he would indeed do a great favor to the underdogs.

READ THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the Patriotic Association of Newfoundland in the C.L.B. Armory on Friday, 11th inst., at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of receiving reports of committees.

VINCENT P. BURKE, Hon. Secy.