

HOME FROM FIRING LINE

Two Returned Heroes Arrive at Walkerton Bearing Scars From the Great World Conflict.

Two Walkerton soldiers, Gnr. Jim Leech and Pte. Simon Small who have "done their bit" in bearing the brunt of battle arrived home Saturday night and were met by a large crowd of citizens at the Station. Both men look much like their own selves, but in reality both are indelibly branded by the hardships they have passed through.

Gunner Leech has been in khaki since the beginning of the war. He went over with the 16th Guelph Battery and saw long hard fighting under the bad trench conditions which prevailed at the beginning of the war. After 18 months of it he contracted a bad case of bronchitis and was sent back to England. In spite of his long service, Gnr. Leech, who is also a South African veteran, is game to go back and help finish the job if the authorities will let him.

Pte. Simon Small, who is a native of Walkerton, enlisted with the 34th Batt. in 1916 and went to England with the second draft. In a short time he got to the trenches and saw 10½ months of the real thing at the Front. He was then sent back to England just a year ago as a result of shell-shock which affected his heart. Before leaving England Simon took a trip to Witley Camp and saw many of his old Walkerton chums now in the 160th.

In the casualty list last week appeared the name of Omar McFarlane, of Wiarton, who is wounded in the knee. He went with the 34th, and it is now two years since he left Wiarton. It is to be sincerely hoped that his wounds will not be serious.

Mr. Matt. West, of Wiarton, has purchased an Overland car. Biscuit's wishes the war was over so he could go fishing in Dad's new car.

Heard in The Tailor Shop

Don't forget the next concert in the Sergeants' Mess. Special three-piece orchestra—a piano, pianist and piano stool.

Bill Bull: "Say, Neil, I met with a very serious accident last night."

Neil: "How did it happen?"

Bill Bull: "A fellow asked me in to have a drink, and I did not hear him."

Zule (entering shoe shop one morning): "What makes you look so bad to-day, Dad?"

Dad: "I was out last night and am suffering from an attack of 'say when.'"

Nathaniel: "What did the O.C. award you, Bill?"

Bill: "Got 'demolished.'"

Nathaniel: "That's a funny thing for our O.C. to hand out."

A BIG COUNTRY

Ontario is larger than Spain, and nearly as large as France.

Quebec is as large as Norway, Sweden, Belgium and Holland combined.

British Columbia is as large as France, Portugal and Belgium.

Nova Scotia and New Brunswick are as large as Portugal and Denmark.

Alberta is larger than the entire German Empire.

Manitoba is twice as large as England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland combined.

Saskatchewan is as large as the States of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois and Missouri combined.

Prince Edward Island is the smallest of the family, having only 2,184 square miles; but it is nearly twice as large as Rhode Island, the smallest state in the American Union.

Canada is larger in area than the United States by 111,992 square miles.