

War News.

BRILLIANT ADVANCE

20,000 GERMANS TAKEN PRISONERS.

The Following Bulletin Posted St. Pierre.

(OFFICIAL, Midnight, 25th.)—Our attack north of Arras, secured us a fresh advance. We have occupied from sheer strength the whole of Souchez Village and advanced eastward in the direction of Givenchy, further South we have reached La Folle and pushed forward to north of Thelus reaching the telegraph station which is destroyed. During this engagement one thousand prisoners were taken. In Champagne our troops continue to advance. After crossing the entire front running between Autherive and Ville Sur Tourbe the powerful trench works, forts and other complete fortified German organizations held by enemy for many months fell into our hands, and our troops marched northward, compelling the Germans to fall back on their second line of trenches, situated from three to four kilometres further behind. The struggle continues on the whole front. We have reached the Vedegrange passed the hut on the road from Souain to Sommepey and the

barracks on the road from Souain to Tauré. Further east we held the farm and houses of Campagne. The enemy has suffered by our fire and body to body struggles, very heavy losses. They also abandoned in trenchworks and positions and lost a very considerable quantity of material which has not yet been computed. Up to the present twenty-four field cannons have been taken and the number of prisoners is progressing and actually superior to sixteen thousand men unwounded, including two hundred officers. The total number of prisoners secured on the entire front made by the allies in two days are over twenty thousand. In Belgium the German artillery is rather quiet. During the evening of the 25th, our troops captured an observation post belonging to the enemy on the right bank of the Yser. The garrison was taken, 15 men and a sub-officer. A grenade thrower was also taken. The occupation of this post by our troops compelled the Germans to evacuate two hundred metres of trenches on the Yser.

Damaged Steamer Reaches Port.

The pit-prop steamer Carisbrook, which has made some history within the past few weeks, crippled into port yesterday, having come from Burlington where she was towed by the s.s. Prospero, after being taken off a reef near Little Bay where she went ashore a fortnight ago. The 60 fathom wire hawser used in assisting the stranded ship became entangled with her propeller and it took Diver W. Butler nine days to clear it. The work of the diver was very difficult, as each day he was below the surface from morning till evening. An examination of the ship's bottom showed that several holes were punched in the forward part of the ship both on the port and starboard bows. Two of the holes were each two feet wide. Bags of bread were put in the holes to stop the ship from leaking. Regarding the trouble that occurred on board before the ship went ashore, we learn that an American seaman struck a Norwegian seaman on the head with an iron instrument. The victim is now in hospital at Little Bay and his assailant is in jail. The ship discharged her cargo of pit-props at Burlington. She will be dry docked for repairs which will take several weeks, as soon as the Norwegian barque Ravenscourt comes off the stocks.

Here and There.

CATTLE VESSEL HERE.—The schr. Arabic, 8 days from Montague, C.B., arrived here yesterday after a very stormy passage. She brought a cargo of cattle.

YOUTHFUL VAGRANT.—A 12-year-old lad named Crossman, who has been sleeping in hallways and on wharves for some time past, and who says he has no home to go to, was found on Baird's wharf yesterday by the police. To-day he was sent to the Penitentiary while the authorities are arranging to get him somewhere else.

FRACAS ON SATURDAY.—On Saturday evening a big row occurred on Water Street, with the result that policemen Day and Kelly were badly beaten and two elderly citizens who attempted to interfere, also fared badly. The adversaries were five volunteers, two of whom were arrested and warrants have been issued for the arrest of three others.

GERMANY'S REAL OBJECTIVE.

London Times.—The real objective of German policy is the command of the sea, which would reduce the United Kingdom to a state of vassalage. That has recently emerged with growing distinctness, though it has always been obvious to well-informed students. It is now candidly avowed. The occupation of Belgium and Serbia, the subjugation of France, and the smashing of Russia's offensive were all to be steps towards that supreme end. It has not been abandoned, and will not be so long as the present spirit prevails among the German people, and supports the present regime. If it cannot be compassed now it will be postponed till a more favorable opportunity by means of a peace which will leave Germany free to recommence her preparations afresh, and with the advantages gained by the war. Such a peace would be only a truce, and would mean for us a state of complete, constant and vigilant armament by land and sea.

French Won His Bet.

Sir John French has the reputation of being one of the wittiest officers in the Army, and he is fond of playing practical jokes of a clever, but harmless nature.

Some time ago he was dining with a number of brother officers, when a discussion arose on proficiency in shooting.

"I'll bet anyone here," said Sir John, "that I can fire ten shots at 500 yards, and call each shot correctly without waiting for the marker. I'll stake a box of cigars on it."

Another officer immediately accepted the offer, and the next day all the diners went to the shooting-range to see the trial.

Sir John fired the first shot. "Miss!" he announced. He fired again. "Miss!" he repeated. Still another shot. "Miss!"

"Here, I say," protested the officer with whom he had made the bet, "what are you doing? You are not shooting at the target at all."

But French fired his ten shots, calling "Miss! Miss! Miss!" each time, before he replied.

"Of course I wasn't shooting at the target," he said calmly, when he had finished, "I was shooting for those cigars!"

After the War--What?

Will a National party arise after the war which will put national watchfulness and national defence—economic as well as military—as the great legend on its banners? Will a man appear among us able to rise to the height of that great argument? Social reform could go hand in hand with such a policy, for it is certain that the British people will never again tolerate the spectacle of the man broken in the wars, or his wife and children, holding out their hands for alms at the corners of our streets. For such a cause and such a leader the nation earnestly longs and waits. There are millions, I believe, willing to put aside their old party ties and claims and attachments to welcome such a man and such a programme.—A. W. Woodbridge, in "The English Review."

A DISCOVERY OF THE WAR.

London Chronicle.—The unlimited importance of shell-fire under European conditions is one of the discoveries of the war; neither the South African nor the Balkan war prepared us for it; nor did any General Staff foresee it. There is abundant evidence that the Germans have been surprised by it, and that in spite of the special stocks with which they started and the productivity of their vast armament works, they have latterly felt a need for economising ammunition, which our own troops have not.

PRIZE COURT DECISIONS.

The only question, here, will be one of fact, for the principle of law is well known and firmly established. It has been laid down by our own prize courts and affirmed by our Supreme Court in the many cases growing out of the trade between Great Britain and the neutral ports of Nassau and Matamoros during our civil war. In the case of the Petenior the Supreme Court sustained the condemnation of a contraband cargo nominally destined to the Mexican port of Matamoros, on the ground that while the goods and the circumstances indicated that the cargo was intended for sale in the market of Matamoros, "there is nothing in the case which tends to convince us that such was the intention." all the circumstances indicated that they "were destined for the use of the rebel forces then occupying Brownsville and other places in the vicinity." In their appeal, therefore, the owners of the cargoes now condemned will be asking for a reversal of a British prize court decision based on principles long ago declared and upheld by our own Supreme Court. It would seem that the success of their appeal would depend upon their ability to overthrow the conclusion of the court that goods in these unusual quantities consigned to Copenhagen were not really intended to enter into the general stock of trade in that port, but were actually destined for German consumption. They complain that the prize court put the burden of proof upon them. But from the greatly augmented volume of these commodities shipped to Copenhagen the inference of an enemy destination was certainly very strong.—New York Times.

EDUCATING THE DEMOCRACY.

New York Post.—The war is stretching out indefinitely. A decision will be won by endurance. That gives time for the full development of England's strength in accordance with British traditions, not by curtailing democracy, but by negotiating with and educating the democracy to the need of the moment. As the labor unions see the problems, England has raised men for the field without compulsion, and she can obtain munitions for her armies without destroying what many regard as the fundamentals of British liberty.

HERE FROM SYDNEY.—The s.s. Beatrice entered port this morning from Sydney, bringing a cargo of coal and a quantity of iron.

EARL OF DEVON.—The Earl of Devon has not been reported since leaving Bala Vyne on Wednesday last but it is presumed that he is on his way south.



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A Company—Capt. G. T. Carty, Capt. A. Raley, Lieut. C. Wighton, Lieut. J. E. J. Fox, Lieut. R. A. Shortall, Lieut. J. R. Attk.

B Company—Capt. C. Alexander, Lieut. R. H. Tait, Lieut. L. G. Bain, Lieut. J. Nunnis, Lieut. R. J. Sheppard, Lieut. C. B. Clift, Lieut. R. B. Hall.

C Company—Capt. A. E. Bernard, Lieut. H. Rendell, Lieut. C. B. Carter, Lieut. J. J. Donnelly, Lieut. H. Ross.

D Company—Capt. J. W. March, Capt. A. O'Brien, Lieut. G. Harvey, Lieut. O. W. Steele, Lieut. P. H. Knight, Lieut. E. Churchill.

Headquarters—Reg. Sergt.-Major, G. Paver, Reg. Q.M.-Sergt. H. McNeil, Oly-room Sergt. M. Gadden, Sergt. Master-cook, E. Butler, Sergt.-Signaller, S. Ferguson, Sergt. J. Snow (Machine Guns), Sergt. S. Newman (Mac-Guns), Sergt. C. A. Melville (Mac-Guns), Sergt. W. King.

A Company—Coy. Sergt.-Major, S. Ebsary, Coy. Q.M.-Sergt. G. Langmead, Sergt. W. Clark, Sergt. J. Gardiner, Sergt. J. Robinson.

B Company—Coy. Sergt.-Major C. B. Dicks, Coy. Q.M.-Sergt. V. W. Miles, Sergt. C. R. James, Sergt. L. T. Stick, Sergt. N. MacLeod, Sergt. G. W. Chancey, Sergt. G. Byrne, Sergt. W. Manstam, Sergt. F. Mercer.

C Company—Coy. Sergt.-Major C. Watson, Coy. Q.M.-Sergt. R. Kershaw, Sergt. W. Green, Sergt. V. Warren, Sergt. D. Eaton, Sergt. E. Higgins, Sergt. S. Smith.

D Company—Coy. Sergt.-Major J. R. Ferguson, Coy. Q.M.-Sergt. C. C. Oake, Sergt. C. C. Duley, Sergt. G. Hicks, Sergt. H. H. Porter, Sergt. R. B. Porter, Sergt. A. Penny, Sergt. J. Williams, Sergt. E. Barnes, Sergt. J. Bethune, Sergt. A. Edwards.

It will be seen from the Lieut.-Colonel's letter to the Governor that the Officers commanding the division and brigade to which the Newfoundland Regiment was attached at Aldershot expressed appreciation of our boys.

Transport Megantic, at Sea, August 20th, 1915.

Dear Sir Walter Davidson, Maj. General the Hon. F. Gordon, C.B., D.S.O., commanding the 22nd Division to which we were attached, inspected and addressed the Regiment on parade on the morning of the 19th, before his departure and the boys cheered him with a shout. He also spoke to me afterwards in high terms and said there was a fine spirit in the Regiment. As General Gordon is going to his division ready to move to the front shortly he is a busy man which makes his visit a greater compliment.

Brig. General Herbert commanding the 6th Brigade to which we were attached also came and said goodbye very cordially and expressed his pleasure at having had the Newfoundland Regiment in his command and his regret at losing us.

Yours sincerely, R. de H. BURTON.

Capt. Rowell and Second-Lieutenant Herder and 40 men left several days ahead of the Regiment with baggage, mules, etc., and the transport Williams in which they were sent forward called at Malta for some service outfit. The regiment embarked on the Megantic with 951 members of the Warwickshire Regiment.

Lieut. R. H. Taylor.

Richard Hayward Taylor, son of Capt. H. Taylor and a nephew of Messrs. Hedley and Ernest Taylor, and who was a student in engineering at McGill University when he joined the second Canadian Contingent, was with the Newfoundland Regiment passing to the Princess Patricia Reserves, has received a Lieutenancy in the Royal Engineers, one of the famous Service Regiments.

Hr. Grace Notes.

Mr. Albert Heath and family left by yesterday's train for St. John's where they will reside in future, Mr. Heath having secured a position there.

The s.s. Sagana arrived from Labrador early this morning. By letters received, we learn that the past two weeks have been very stormy on the coast, with little fish and poor weather for fish-curing purposes.

Mrs. Selby Garland and family left for Burgeo this week, where Mr. Garland is employed at his trade, that of cooper. We would much rather have to report people coming to our pretty town to settle down than to record removal of our families to other places. The best wishes of their friends follow them.

The schr. Baden Powell, Capt. A. Parsons, arrived from Labrador this forenoon, with the ensign up, showing they are all well on board. This is the first of our Labrador fleet to arrive.

Mrs. Sellars of the West End, mother of Mr. Mark Sellars, of B. Island, passed away this morning, after a long illness.

Messrs. R. D. McTear & Sons are expecting a cargo of prime N. S. coal to arrive shortly. This firm has made considerable improvement in their coal stores this season, and apparently intends to keep a supply of hard and soft coal always on hand. We wish the firm much success.

—COR.

Hr. Grace, Sept. 25, 1915.

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Rifle - Shooting Competition.

On Saturday afternoon a well contested "Shoot" took place between two teams of eight men from the Musketry Instructors, and the Regiment.

Lieut. O'Grady selected the best available shots from the Volunteers and acted as Captain of the team.

The Musketry team was under the leadership of Captain W. H. Rennie.

MUSKETRY INSTRUCTORS.

Name.	200 yards.	Total.	500 yards.	Total.	Grand Points.
Captain W. H. Rennie	44.4.4.3.4.3	18	44.4.4.4.4	19	38
Harvey Thomas	33.4.4.4.4	19	34.4.3.4.4	20	38
Jack Murphy	44.4.3.4.4	19	33.4.4.4.3	18	37
R. P. Holloway	43.3.3.3.4	16	23.3.4.4.4	18	34
H. M. Winter	43.3.3.3.3	15	33.4.4.3.4	18	33
V. A. B. Schlater	22.4.4.2.3	15	34.2.4.3.4	17	32
E. McNab	32.3.2.3.4	14	44.2.3.4.2	15	29
P. J. O'Reilly	43.0.2.4.3	12	42.4.3.3.3	15	28
Grand Total					260

VOLUNTEERS.

Name.	200 yards.	Total.	500 yards.	Total.	Grand Points.
J. Caines	33.3.3.4.4	17	44.4.4.4.3	19	36
P. G. Smith	44.3.4.4.2	17	32.3.2.3.3	13	30
L. Jesso	33.4.4.4.3	18	23.3.2.2.2	12	30
J. Shiwak	22.3.2.3.4	14	42.2.2.4.4	14	28
B. S. Colburn	22.2.2.2.2	11	33.4.2.3.3	16	27
Lieut. O'Grady	24.4.4.3.4	19	23.0.9.2.3	8	27
H. Williamson	24.2.2.2.3	13	22.3.2.3.3	13	26
H. Hynes	33.3.3.4.3.3	15	24.2.3.0.2	11	26
Grand Total					230

The Musketry Instructors thus won by 39 points.

At the 200 yard range the light was dull, and conditions made accurate shooting difficult. The light was much better at the 500 yard range, and some good scores were made.

Captain W. H. Rennie putting in the bulls, and Private Cains following closely with five bulls and a very close inner.

A small sweep stake was arranged, and the first prize was awarded to Private Cains, the second going to Private P. G. Smith.

The volunteers taking part have had only a limited amount of practice, and the result did them much credit. A return match will probably take place at an early date, with, perhaps a different result.

From the Dunders.

Lieut. Stanley Duder, R.N., Commander of H. M. S. Whitty Abbey, and son of Mr. Charles R. Duder, this city, in a recent letter writes of his having met his cousin Surgeon-Major Macpherson, at Madros, which is the base of the Egyptian Expeditionary Force, at Cairo. He says that "Cluny" whose work at the War Office has been so highly appreciated was expected to be at Madros for some little time.

Frank Duder, brother of Lieut. Duder, writes a cherry and encouraging letter after his first month in the trenches. Frank is with the Canadian Highlanders, received their commissions the same day.

FULL LIEUTS.—Newfoundland is always proud to hear of the success of her sons especially so in this instance. Mr. John Clift, son of Mr. J. A. Clift, Esq., K.C., M.H.A., and Mr. G. Macness Johnson, son of Mr. Justice Johnson, who were promoted to full Lieutenancies in the Cameron Highlanders, received their commissions the same day.

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