

THE KING AMONG HIS SOLDIERS

Story of His Majesty's Visit To Men Fresh From the Trenches

(London Daily Chronicle)

"I should like to see those fellows over there and shake their hands," said the King on Wednesday morning, when he learnt the heroism of our troops in the first frightful onslaught of the Germans, and he was profoundly moved. And then he determined to cross the sea and carry with him an Easter message of solidarity.

His Majesty's first care was to ascertain that there was no impediment to his consummation. When the answer had come back—a enthusiastic one—the King despatched his Master of the Household, Sir Derek Keppel, at two hours' notice, to make arrangements.

A few hours later the King was on his way. The whole thing had been done with breathless speed. On Wednesday morning, the inspiration then the dispatch of the Hon. Sir Derek Keppel in advance and finally, the departure of the King on Thursday, at 9.15 a. m., from a certain London station. His Majesty was back again on Saturday night, very tired but deeply content with what he had seen and heard.

A Royal Simplicity. The note of the voyage was its simplicity; the desire to avoid all fuss and ceremony, the desire not to hamper in the least those upon whom the burden of responsibility fell. And so there was, properly speaking, no staff—merely two aides-de-camp, in the persons of Lord Stamfordham and Colonel Wigram (the secretaries of the King) and a couple of servants. That was the total personnel of the tour. It was impressive in its absence of official atmosphere.

There was no set program, no formidable list of personalities to visit. Roughly, the time was mapped out to cover as much ground as possible; and that was all. Officers were caught up en route; and under their guidance were visited the headquarters of the armies, besides those of some corps and divisions. Everything was impromptu and unheeded and everything gained in consequence in spontaneity.

We are the—! The broad accent fell gratefully on the King's ear, when he encountered, by accident a stalwart Scot belonging to the famous division. "Oh, I've heard of you," laughed his Majesty. There was a beguiling smile at this, for the gallant fellows had crowded round delighted at the unexpected honor paid them. It was difficult for the King to get away from their greetings. That little fluttering royal standard on the bonnet of the King's motor had sent them a flattering message straight from the heart of England.

Everywhere the tiny pennon cleared the way for the royal car. Sentinels saluted it. Even French barriers guarded by grizzled old "grognards" melted at the sight of it. The news of his coming went hot-foot through the villages, travelling in front of his speedy car and generating everywhere a sympathetic current. "Vive le roi!" shouted the peasantry, and waved their hats; and grim, unshaven "pollars" stood stiffly at the salute.

His Majesty spent a quarter of an hour at Sir Douglas Haig's headquarters, and then hurried on. Then came actual touch with the troops themselves, moving in and out of the trenches. The tact and consideration of George V are never better seen than on such occasions. He knows the right word to say, for it comes from the heart, and those rugged men from the four corners of the Empire responded with smiles and cheers. Sometimes it was their last joyful exclamation on earth.

"I Am Proud of Them." He told them, as he told his entourage, how proud he was of them. Whether moving to or from the battle they showed an equal heroism—a heroism in meeting the dread of death, a heroism in supporting wounds. Here again His Majesty administered comfort and consolation by the touch of his hand or some message of appreciation whispered in the ear. "How proud I was of being British!" said a soldier to me in allusion to this scene.

But there was a hospital as well as hospital trains, which His Majesty passed through. There the harassed doctors and nurses, receiving their cases fresh from the front, were cheered by his considerate presence by the gracious word of praise. He was the kindly look. They were all there—Canadians, Anzacs, hardy

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Hamilton, Stroud Hotel, May 25, 26.



RETIRE FROM RANGERS

Lt. Col. A. G. Nichol, the retiring commander of the 12th York Rangers, who was presented by his fellow officers with a watch and chain.

sons of the desert and the yield, and as they looked upon those kindly Royal features they felt that their deeds had not been in vain.

It is chanced that His Majesty came upon the very aerodrome to which that brilliant young airman, Capt. McCudden, belongs, and he had the pleasure of informing his comrades that a few hours previously he had pinned the V. C. on the young man's breast. There was no piece of news, save that of victory, which could have pleased them more.

And thus the visit ended. The King with his modest retinue went on board the vessel which nosed its way across the Channel as it had come. Happily, the weather was better. On the put-ward crossing, waves mounting high had enveloped the little ship, trying even the sailor-like endurance of the King. Of all the five visits to the front since the war began, none has been so intimate and kindly, so informal, so deeply impressive in its images of war and in the heroes who defend us.

NEWSY ITEMS

The New York State barge canal, connecting Lake Ontario with New York, was completed on Saturday. It was begun in May, 1905.

Two Brooklyn girls who had broken troth with their lovers were ordered in court to return their rings or pay their value to their ex-fiancés.

A stranded barge on the Ohio river in danger of total loss, was saved by a locomotive which got a line aboard and pulled her from her dangerous position.

\$3,000,000.00—the third Liberty Loan changed hands, the day it was quoted on the New York Exchange at prices ranging from 98.40 to 99.10.

The National Association for Advancement of Colored People claim that two whites and 219 negroes have been lynched in the States since the war began.

Bellchamber Hotel, Sarnia, will be converted into stores, with dwelling apartments above.

Deseronto will shortly have a new road crossing the town between Camp Mohawk and Camp Rathbun.

Mr. and Mrs. Marble Billings, of Lyn, Brockville district, celebrated the 50th anniversary of their wedding.

Basic council is contemplating passing a by-law closing restaurants between the hours of 12 midnight and 6 a.m.

Port Stanley Council is spending several hundred dollars on the school house hill, that has been gradually washed away.

Over 100 women gathered one day last week in Kingston for a special prayer service. All denominations were represented.

Lumbermen who returned recently to Midland report that wolves were unusually plentiful and bold in the north during the past winter.

All that now remains to make Mrs. Ralph Smith's "Minimum Wage Act" law is the assent of the Lieutenant-Governor of B.C.

Citizens of Vancouver recently gave some \$60,000 for tuberculosis prevention in the city during the campaign of the Rotary Club.

British Columbia's share of the \$2,500,000 which the Y. M. C. A. of Canada hopes to raise in 1918 for its military work is \$100,000.

Chief Thomas Smith, of the British Columbia Provincial Police, died in St. Paul's Hospital, following an operation for cancer of the stomach.

Sergeant Harry Mullin, a British Columbia hero from Victoria, was decorated with the Victoria Cross at Buckingham Palace by the King.

The American-Canadian fisheries conference is to be held at Victoria for the purpose of protecting halibut and salmon in coast waters.

When the bill now before the Legislature, to give the government the right to secure a loan of \$4,000,000 is passed, British Columbia will possess borrowing powers to the extent of \$11,370,000.

DEVORE WON DECISION

Toledo, Ohio, May 15.—Willie Devore of Akron, Ohio, was given the popular decision over Dick Leadman, of Lockport, N.Y., in their ten-round bout here last night. They are both bantamweights and fought at catchweights.

"IT WAS LUCKY DAY FOR ME," SHE SAID

Mrs. Hewston is Glad Her Neighbor Advised Her to Take Tanlac

"It was certainly a lucky day for me when my neighbor, Mrs. Lanaford told me how Tanlac had relieved her sufferings, and said that if I would only try it, she believed it would do me much good. For me, it took her advice and it has done all she said it would," recently decided Mrs. Emma Hewston, of 322 Rydman Avenue, Toronto.

"I had suffered from a general run-down condition and stomach trouble for four or five years," she continued, "and my appetite was so poor that I couldn't relish a thing. Everything tasted alike and after eating I had such a tight, stuffy feeling about my stomach and chest that I could hardly get my breath. My heart acted strangely and hurt so bad at times I could hardly stand it, and often I felt like I was going to suffocate. My nerves, too, were in very bad shape. I would roll and toss on my bed half the night trying to sleep, and when I got up in the morning I felt so tired and worn-out and miserable that I would almost drop on my knees."

After I started on Tanlac I began to feel stronger and better right away; my appetite picked up, my indigestion was relieved and I soon got so I enjoyed everything I ate. That tight, smothering feeling is gone, my heart never worries me like it did. I have gotten completely over my nervousness and sleep like a baby all night. Tanlac has given me so much strength and energy that I can now do all my housework without a bit of trouble."

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SUMMER RESORTS IN ONTARIO.

The Muskoka Lakes, Point Baril and Georgian Bay Resorts; French and Pickering Rivers; Rideau Lakes; Severn River; Lake Mazinaw District and Kuartha Lakes are conveniently reached via the Canadian Pacific Railway. Particulars from Canadian Pacific Ticket Agents or W. B. Howard.

NEW ACT IN FORCE JULY 1.

By Courier Leased Wire
Victoria, B.C., May 16.—At a meeting of the Provincial Executive yesterday it was decided to bring the Civil Service Act into operation on July 1 next. The cabinet's decision included the appointment of Comptroller-General Mowat to be civil commissioner.

TORONTO CLEARINGS.

By Courier Leased Wire
Toronto, May 16.—Bank clearings for week, \$65,489,446.

All \$19.00 Spring and Fall Overcoats or Combination Raincoats, \$14.75, at Lazarus', Colborne St.

FOOD SITUATION FOR RUSSIAN BAD

Distribution of Seed Very Unequal, and Peasants Fear Confiscation of Their Crops

By Courier Leased Wire
Saratov, Russia, Thursday, May 2 (By the Associated Press).—In connection with the reports that much of the fertile lands of European Russia will go uncultivated this year, the Associated Press has made a tour of the governments of Samara, Zimbursk, Moscow, Pensa, Tambov, Ryazan and Saratov, the chief remaining wheat producing districts. The majority of the larger estates and peasant tracts have been seized and divided between the poorer peasants. Horses, cattle and implements have also been divided and scattered. The distribution of seed has been unequal because of the large requisitions made by the central government, and because also of the disorganized transportation.

Peasants have hidden their seed and resisted the food committees. Many districts consequently have no seed potatoes, wheat, barley and oats, but the peasants are not willing to plant all the acreage possible, fearing the future disposition of the land and the control of the harvested crop. The hostility of the farmers toward city workers generally is shown by their unwillingness to surrender grain to the food committees, and their hesitation to plant extensively lest their crops be requisitioned.

The wheat-planting season ends this week in central Russia, and in most of the districts less than half the grain land has been plowed. The exodus of city dwellers into the grain sections has been so large that breadstuffs are extremely scarce, even in grain centres like Samara, where bread sells for two rubles per pound. The price gradually rises approaching Moscow, and at some towns located in the grain states, children gather at the incoming trains and beg bread from the passengers.

Several provinces have issued their own money, but the peasants and merchants refuse to accept it, until forced to do so by armed guards. Even the provincial cities are issuing their own money and legalizing the circulation of officially endorsed checks on state banks, but the peasants do not willingly accept such medium of exchange.

Samara has thousands of German colonists owing from sixty to eighty acres each, who have forcibly resisted the land committees and retain their property. These colonists are Russian citizens and have been in Russia for several generations. The amount of land allotted to individual peasants varies in different sections, according to the density of the population, the nature of the land and the size of the families. Two and a half to five acres is the average allotment in the grain growing districts.

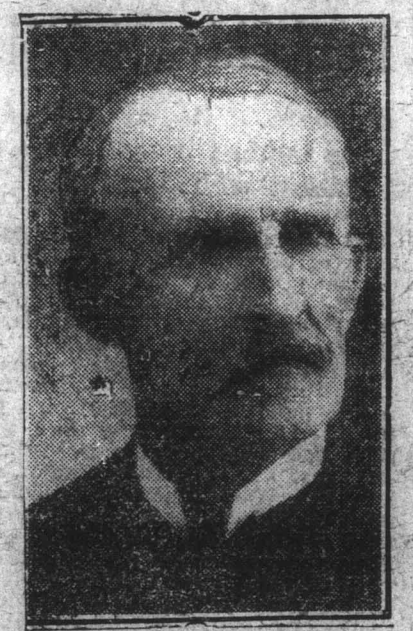
The Siberian grain sections have an abundance of seed and labor, and the land situation is less unsettled. Although lacking machinery, Siberia probably will plant eighty per cent of land allotted to grain crop. Ukraine is short of seed because of the heavy German requisitions and the general disorganization of that country. The Germans are offering seed on condition that a heavy per-

centage of the crop be given to them. But the farmers are distrustful and the acreage will probably be far below normal.

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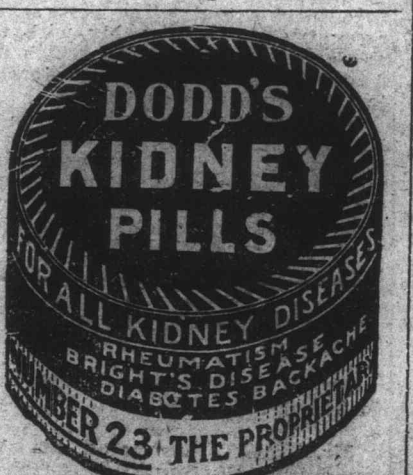
By Courier Leased Wire
Paris, May 16.—Artillery actions occurred last night on the French front southeast of Amiens in the Hailles-Castel sector, says to-day's war office announcement. West of Montdidier, a German raiding party was driven off. The French took prisoners in patrol operations north of Alletts. The text of the statement reads: An artillery duel took place in the Hailles-Castel sector. A German raid west of Montdidier was repulsed by the French fire. French patrols operating north of the Allette brought back prisoners. The night was quiet on the remainder of the front.

Victoria Day Celebration, Agricultural Park, May 24th. Buy your flags, decorations, fireworks, etc., from Wicks, opposite Postoffice.



SENATOR WILLIAM ROCHE.

Halifax business man, who created an uproar in the Senate by declaring in opposing a bill to protect the public against dealers who may seek to sell German goods as the products of Canada, Britain, or any other allied or neutral country, that when the war was over Germany would be Canada's best trading customer.



ZEPPELIN FLED BEFORE PLANE

Toronto Officer Took Part in Fighting German Airship in North Sea

London, May 17.—Capt. Albert H. Munday, son of E. J. Munday, Fernwood Park Ave., Toronto, was one of the officers who recently took part in the fight with the Zeppelin sighted in the North Sea by the sea-plane commanded by Capt. T. C. Latkinson of Leeds.

The Zeppelin immediately attempted to get the advantage of height by throwing out bombs, discharging a quantity of water ballast and creating a smoke screen. The sea-plane, however, kept her well in view, firing many rounds into the Zeppelin, which, as she rose, began to discharge material overboard to further lighten herself.

After 35 minutes she was in such difficulties that she was forced to retreat to the German coast. Six enemy destroyers then appeared with anti-aircraft guns. Five minutes later the sea-plane fractured her oil pipe, requiring a descent upon the water, where the fracture was repaired with tape. The sea-plane then returned to its base, having sustained no damage or casualties.

Capt. Munday was some time flying in France, where he was injured in testing a new machine. Two of his brothers, E. B. and J. D. Munday, are also serving in the Flying Service.

A large mastodon tooth has been unearthed by excavators at Sharon, Ohio.

Miss J. Rogerson, Barnston Island, in lifting a bucket of water, fell into the Fraser river. She was rescued at the ferry landing when unconscious.

Margaret Bestwick, wife of Pte. Walter Bestwick, a member of the C.E.F. was shot and killed by her brother-in-law, Harry Bestwick, who immediately afterwards shot himself fatally, in the Bestwick residence, New Westminster.

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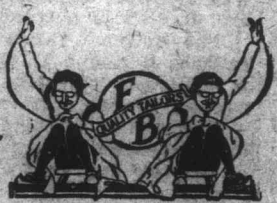
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New York, May 16.—The "league" of players, who magnates by a way or getting away from the league, and it is Saturday with the "Federal" orga as the Bet-shing in import big shipbuilding has announced the team at the plant.

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