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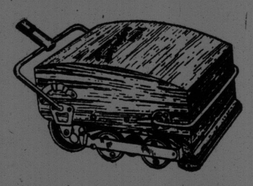

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TALES FROM THE FRONT

Mrs. Aiken of Toronto Brings Home Account of Experiences at Base Hospital in France—Saw Canadians Going to Trenches

"They were all so glad to be in that hospital, British and Germans alike," said Mrs. Chas. H. Aiken of Toronto, in speaking of No. 2 Canadian Stationary Hospital at Le Touquet, France, near which she has been visiting with Mrs. Bell. Major Bell is in command of the hospital. Mrs. Aiken returned to Toronto leaving Mrs. Bell in New York.

"There were just nine Germans in the hospital, but all of them thanked the hospital authorities before they were sent on to England. One young German private told me that he had had enough of the war. All he wanted was to get his wife and family and come out to America, where there was no fighting. He had had enough of fighting. But most of the Germans spoke very little, as they could only talk a bit of broken English.

Fighting Blood is Roused

"The fighting blood of the English soldiers seems to have been aroused, and all of them wanted to go back. They would tell us that they wouldn't mind a day or so off to see their wives and families, but they wanted to go back and finish the fight.

"The No 2 Canadian hospital is a wonderful place. It is the most immaculate hospital I have ever seen, and the men were well supplied with all the Red Cross comforts, including smoking materials. They are adding to it now and 800 beds are arranged in camps on the lawn. Captain Pentecost is there, and Major Elliott of Toronto, as well as Col. Shillington, of Ottawa. There are thirty-seven Canadian nurses there, and they are having wonderful success. Very few deaths have occurred considering the number of wounded brought in.

"A large number of wounded had just been brought in from the battle at La Bassee before we left. Earlier many arrived with frozen feet, and these had to be amputated. Aeroplanes flew overhead frequently, but I only saw one German aeroplane. One night they expected an air raid and all the lights were put out, but we escaped.

Saw Canadians Go

"We went to the trenches that had been built to defend Paris, and climbed down into them. They are just six feet high, and the men have to crouch in them, so that when they come out after a long turn in the trenches they cannot straighten out their backs for awhile. We visited Poix, which had been bombarded and saw all the buildings shattered. A splendid railway bridge had been blown to ruins.

"We haw the first Canadian contingent going to the trenches, and I will never forget the terrible sensation to see our own men so far from home passing to the front. We were in an automobile at a railway crossing, and saw the long trains passing the men leaning from the windows and singing and waving to us. Then transports passed up in the road with supplies marked for the Canadian contingent. We knew we had friends in those trains, but we could not let them know it any way, and they just passed by. They are in the centre where the fiercest battles are raging now.

Arrested For Talking English

"By the time we left travel was becoming so difficult that we thought it best to come home. We went by way of Italy and the Mediterranean to avoid the Channel. The Germans have tried to get that Folkestone boat so often. On our way back on the Cretic we met a number of United States nurses who had been sent back to the United States by the Germans. They had volunteered to nurse Germans, but said they found that there were enough trained nurses on the field. Of course they all said they were neutral.

"One American and his wife on the boat with us told us they had been arrested three times in Germany for speaking English on the street, but still they found it better to speak English, because when they atempted German they said such peculiar things that they were misunderstood and it made trouble. So they came back to America.

As Mrs. Aiken talked, a German band in the neighborhood struck up a wailing version of "Tipperary." and Mrs. Aiken smiled.

"I heard plenty of that over there," she said. "All the Tommies still sing it. One odd thing is the word 'Ypres.' Over there the French call it 'Eep' back here you call it 'Epray' and Tommy himself calls it 'Wipers.' "

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STATE MONOPOLY OF BEER IS NOW FAVORED

Government Urged to Take Over Control of all Breweries and Saloons

London, April 14—The Daily Express says it learns that the solution of the drink problem which the government is now favoring is a state monopoly on beer. "The only beer brewed or sold," says the newspaper, "will be brewed and sold by the government. All breweries and public houses in Great Britain and Ireland will be purchased outright, payment for them being made in bonds bearing four per cent interest. No strong or heavy beer will be brewed."

HOW TO CURE STOMACH TROUBLE

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TORONTO SOLDIER WRITES OF NEUVE CHAPELLE

Germans Glad to Be Taken Prisoners, Says Former Policeman

A description of the British victory at Neuve Chapelle is given by Lance-Corporal Arthur Hatch, a former Toronto policeman, and reservist with the Aerial Section of the Royal Field Artillery, in a letter to his wife. He writes:—

"I will now tell you all about Neuve Chapelle as I promised. About 8.30 on the morning of the 10th we had orders that the enemy was getting ready to come at us. An aeroplane flew over our lines and started to drop bombs. We sent a few shells after him and he beat a hasty retreat. The noise of the guns was terrible, just one bang, squeal, and crash that was kept up for hours. Then, after we stopped firing our infantry did their work and did it well, for they brought back news that they had taken the position of Neuve Chapelle and captured a lot of prisoners. Some came by us and they looked strong and healthy, but you could see that they were glad to be captured. I think they were glad for they were smiling all over their faces, but there was a lot that will never smile again. We lost a lot of men, but they must have lost three or four times as many. I felt sorry for them, as they were not the cause of their trouble. I do not think that it will last much longer, for they cannot stand the strain. We are now waiting to have another go at them and I think that this time we will be near to Lille, if not in it."

In a previous letter he says: "I have just been inoculated again. The English army is taking all precautions against diseases, for where there has been a battle fought the dead lay in between ours and the German trenches until either of us make an advance. Then they are buried, but we usually find them in a bad condition. When the hot weather comes there will be a lot of disease here."

Corp. Hatch when a policeman in Toronto belonged to No. 2 station. He came from Woolwich, England, about three years ago. He is a veteran of the South African war, 33 years old, and has a wife and two children in the city.

The freedom of Drogheda, Ireland, was conferred on Drummer Kenney, V. C., Gordon Highlanders, a native of Drogheda, in recognition of his bravery and gallant conduct at the front.

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THE SOLDIERS' VOTES

Vote Down Liberal Amendments to Safeguard Ballot and Men's Interests

Ottawa, April 14—Anomalies and impracticabilities in the government bill to provide votes for the soldiers at the front kept parliament in session until an early hour this (Wednesday) morning. Many of these were admitted, but the government steadfastly refused amendments to protect the extension of the franchise.

It became more and more manifest as the discussion proceeded that the purpose of the bill was political rather than patriotic. Liberal proposals to have the vote taken by a specially appointed commission and to confer with Lord Kitchener and the British war office in relation to it were rejected.

During the night sitting Alphonse Verville, the Labor member, availed himself of the opportunity to move an amendment providing also for votes to operating railway men who could not reach their home polls of election day. Hon. Messrs. Doherty and Crothers, both of whom spoke in opposition to the Verville amendment, but disclaimed responsibility for having to vote against it under the circumstances under which it was presented, were much relieved when Deputy Speaker Savigny ruled it out of order as not revelant to the measure under discussion.

Discussion of the measure in committee of the whole occupied all three sittings of parliament today. Two important amendments were submitted by the Liberals. Hon. Dr. Pugsley moved for the appointment of three civilian commissioners to take charge of the balloting, one to be nominated by the premier, another by the leader of the opposition, and a third to be named by the chief justice of the supreme court. Regulations to be framed by this commission would be made subject to control by order-in-council. Hon. Dr. Pugsley also submitted an amendment providing that no action should be taken until the consent of the British secretary of war, Lord Kitchener, to the taking of the vote was obtained. This, he said, would be a recognition that the Canadian forces were part of the British army.

Neither amendment met approval at the hands of Hon. Mr. Doherty or Premier Borden.

In response to the point of Sir Wilfrid Laurier that the bill in its present form made provision for a promiscuous distribution of ballots which would be open to grave abuse, etc., the premier replied that the honesty of the vote would depend upon the integrity of the officers.

Sir Wilfrid said that it was no reflection upon the officers to take the same precautions as to balloting as were taken in civil life.

Sir Wilfrid directed attention to the serious admission of the minister. The Canadian parliament and the Canadian statutes had no jurisdiction over either officers or soldiers. In Canada a man could not be compelled to became a returning officer, but if he did so was subject to the law. Provision was being made in the bill for the appointment of scrutineers, but the provision was useless if the scrutineers did not know where or when the poll was to take place. This demonstrated the fatal weakness of the bill, which became merely a pious wish that the officers would consent to take the vote. There was no authority and no control. If any or certain officers did not desire to take the vote parliament had no power to make them.

MORE MATTERS AT OTTAWA TO PROBE

No Further Disclosures, However, at Present — Justice Department to Take up Horse Scandal

Ottawa, April 13—The curtain dropped today on any further disclosures in the public accounts committee this session.

The probe has been inserted into only a few of the transactions to which the auditor-general has already directed attention, horses, binoculars, surgical supplies, housewives, drugs and motor transports, but with the government ready to prorogue the house in a day or two, there was no time left for the committee to start any new cases.

There were others waiting, including the connection of middlemen with militia supplies of clothing, saddlery, shirts, hardware, pails, and other equipment, etc., but although the fringe had already only been touched, the committee decided to report the evidence to the house with recommendations that it be referred to the justice department for further action, that further investigation be made by the government, through a commission, of all irregularities, and that governmental and parliamentary action be taken to inaugurate a system of purchase, audit and inspection which will adequately protect the country from irregularities and fraud.

The passing of these recommendations practically declared that the committee had found fraud on a large scale and that there was something wrong with the whole system of the purchasing and inspection of government supplies.

Would Narrow Horse Investigation.

The purchase of horses in Nova Scotia was particularly specified in the resolution offered by Hon. Dr. Reid and supported by the Conservative majority on the committee as requiring further investigation and action both by the justice department and by the government.

The Liberal members on the committee objected to limiting the proposed investigation only to the Nova Scotia purchases, and declared that it should extend to all the provinces. An amendment to this effect in the wording of the committee's report was voted down on a straight party division by a vote of 15 to 5.

The committee has been in almost continuous session for some three weeks.

"The government will appoint a commission to look into all these things," declared Dr. Reid. "When evidence of irregularities backed by any reputable person, comes before that commission, they will be compelled to investigate at once."

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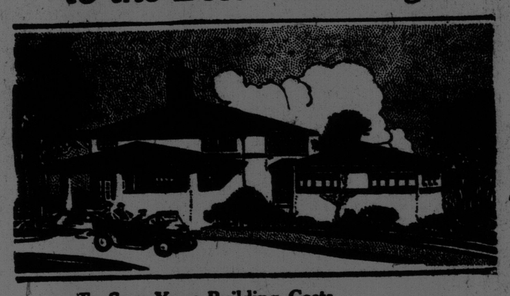

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