

## NEWFOUNDLANDERS APPRECIATE THEIR QUARTERS AT FORT GEORGE

Lance-Corporal Jack Reardigan Says Scotland Reminds Him Quite a Bit of Home—Pretty Spot and Kind People

Lance-Corporal Jack J. Reardigan writes another chatty missive to his parents.

His letters are always newsy and interesting and are eagerly read by the public.

We have published several from him, and to-day's we think will prove as attractive reading as any we have printed before.

He is now in barracks at Fort George, Inverness, and judging from the tone of his letter he is pleased with the place.

That Corporal Reardigan is a Newfoundlander there is no doubt. That is plain from his reference to the trout. While at home he was a faithful disciple of Isaac Walton, and even now he cannot resist the temptation to have a try.

The letter is addressed to his mother and father, the latter being the well-known fire constable connected with the East End Station.

He commences by saying that he is well, and continues "I received the cake and had it for a whole week. All the boys wanted a piece of it. They certainly admired the way it was done up."

Fond of "Gems."

"I received the tobacco and cigarettes, too. It is just like home to get 'Gem' cigarettes. There is none like them. We all prefer the home made article."

"We are having a fine time. All the boys are well."

"We are now in the North of Scotland."

"Before leaving Salisbury Plain I was talking to a couple of Canadians and I found Jack Baxter and gave him Mr. Baxter's address, and he told me he would write. He is a fine fellow."

Reason Enough.

"The Canadians are certainly some mad, and they asked why it was that we were going to barracks and they have to stop on the Plain. But look who we are! We are the Newfoundlanders."

"Well we broke camp Dec. 7th and marched down to Amersbury Station and boarded the train for Scotland."

"The run is nearly 600 miles and we did it in 22 hours."

"The sights and scenery were grand. I can't remember all the stations we stopped at, but we got a great reception everywhere."

Kind Hearted.

I wish all the folks at home could see the splendid treatment we receive from the men and women here. Believe me the English are all right. I often heard that they were "staid-offish," but such is not the case. They are kindness itself.

"All you have to tell them is that you are from Newfoundland and there is nothing too much for them to do for you."

"All our boys say the same."

"Our train travelled from 40 to 60 miles per hour, and you would hardly know she was moving, she ran so easily."

First Colonials.

"We have come from the South of England to the North of Scotland. We are the first colonial troops ever to go to Scotland. That is one thing we can say."

"Do you know Scotland reminds me somewhat of home. I mean where we are, the scenery is much the same."

"There are lots of sheep here, and the wool on them is touching the ground. You would think they had no legs."

"The Barracks we are in is called Fort George. It looks right out to the sea."

Fort George.

The Fort is composed of rooms. In each room seven men stay. There is a bed for each and a box to put his kit in. There is also a fire place and I can tell you it is much more comfortable than camp.

The barracks is fortified with a rampart all round. When you walk around the ramparts you have a commanding view of the whole place. There are all kinds of shops here.

"There are some rivers here, but I have not found out yet if there are any trout in them; if there are I intend having a spell fishing."

Splendid Soldiers.

"Hundreds of soldiers are here, but they belong to Scotch regiments. They are splendid types of men."

There is a school here, and they don't forget to teach the children the Highland fling. You will see the youngsters everywhere dancing it.

The non-coms. have a room to themselves and also a reading room. "We are hardly settled down yet."

## MISSING WOMAN HAS BEEN LOCATED

Mrs. Power, who was reported missing on Saturday has returned to her sister's house.

The police found that she was at the Seamen's Institute on Christmas night. After she left that place nothing could be heard of her until last night when the Superintendent was informed that she had returned to her sisters.

## GOOD MID-WEEK SHOW AT NICKEL

The mid-week show at the Nickel Theatre has been arranged to suit all tastes, and is certain to afford pleasure and satisfaction to all who attend.

It is an all feature entertainment with some of the best artists in their line of business specialised. With each subject there will be appropriate effects.

Miss Margaret Ayer, the new soloist, will sing a pleasing song. You simply cannot afford to miss today's entertainment.

New Year's Day will be another big time at the Nickel.

There are three sessions—morning at 10.30; afternoon at 2 and evening at 7. It will be a bright holiday festival show with the choicest selection of the latest films, pictures that will entertain and amuse. Will be one of the finest entertainments ever given at the Nickel.

New Year's Night Concert of B.I.S.

The B.I.S. rooms will likely be crowded for their concert on New Year's evening. As the members of the society and their friends are greatly interested in it.

Besides Their Excellencies the Governor and Lady Davidson, the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Roche will be present.

SECURE YOUR TICKETS at the Atlantic Bookstore for the Concert in St. Patrick's Hall New Year's Night.

but as soon as we get stowed away, I will write another long letter and tell you all about the Fort.

"I have made several attempts to finish this letter, and now there is some one singing out for Corporal Reardigan, so I must run and look after my section."

"I have a few minutes more to spare so I will finish my letter. It is rather long, but no doubt you will find time to read it."

Beautiful Town.

"Inverness is a beautiful town. They say there are about 25,000 people in it."

"The buildings are swell. They tell me it is a great place for people to spend their holidays, and in the summer time thousands of visitors are there."

"There is a beautiful cathedral, Royal Academy, a big suspension bridge, and other places of interest."

"Ships are built there and there are immense iron works. There are also places for making whisky, but that does not trouble me. I have not forgotten my promise to you not to drink, and I don't think I will break it."

"You can have a good time here without getting drunk. Most all our boys are sober, and the sober ones never get in trouble."

"Remember me to all the folks Christmas Day, including Ned, Jack and Mr. Sage."

"Love to all. Don't forget we are soldiers now. We are having a good time. I believe we will soon be in Ireland, where the shamrock grows."

Big Gun Practice

A squad from H.M.S. Calypso were at Fort Amherst this morning and engaged in big gun practice.

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## Must Apologise Or Do Without The Krupp Guns

Kaiser's Temper Said to Have Deprived Him of Means of Answering British Ships

London, Dec. 26.—The true story of the delay in sending three 42-centimetre German guns to the Belgian coast has just leaked out. It is certainly one of the most startling developments in the repertoire of the German Emperor's recent doings that has yet come to light, and fully explains his quarrel with the Krupps.

An English army officer who arrived here in charge of German prisoners ascertained from one of them that the distinguished Krupp engineer, Herr Blesner, was especially sent by the Krupp firm to take charge of the fixing and transportation of the monster guns. On arriving at Antwerp the Engineer had a dispute with the Grand Duke of Wurtemberg as to the manner in which the guns were to be placed upon the coast.

Kaiser Turned Him Down.

Herr Blesner appealed in a personal interview to the Kaiser. The Emperor supported the view of the Grand Duke and told the Engineer that, in the future, he must take his orders without question. Herr Blesner replied in a manner which the Kaiser regarded as disrespectful.

The Emperor, in his rage, struck Herr Blesner in the face. The engineer at once returned to Essen and handed in his resignation to the Krupp firm, declaring he would not resume his duties unless the Kaiser apologised.

Wouldn't Apologise.

The Krupps asked the Emperor to apologise, but he declined point-blank, and requested that another engineer should be sent to take charge of the transportation of the howitzers.

Up to the time of this writing, no engineer has been found to take Herr Blesner's place, with the result that the Germans are still powerless to reply to the fire of the British ships off Ostend.

The three monster guns meanwhile are still in the Krupp factory.

## SETS DURATION OF THE BIG WAR AT TWO YEARS

(Continued from page 1.)

pect also that Persia and Beluchistan will be dragged in.

He found Denmark and Sweden strongly pro-British in sympathy—they are only marking time, because they are doubtful exactly how Holland stands. Indeed, the war area is bound to undergo such enlargement that the Armageddon of the scriptures will be nothing compared to what the world must prepare to face before the conflict reaches a climax.

This official especially investigated the war situation in Russia. Russian officers put the case thus: "We admit we have not realized your British hopes as yet. The truth is, we are slow-moving, by the necessities of our national economic conditions. This slowness will continue for another two months at least, and we shall not be ready to make a real beginning of the war, as we conceive it, until March. Then and not till then, will Russia's full weight in the conflict be felt. And are you not in much the same position in Britain? Not till March will your million men reach the fighting area. Meanwhile, Joffre and French are more than holding their own. We could not ask for more."

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Curling Club Meets

The Curling Club met last night, Mr. Hon. LeMessurier in the chair, when fifteen new members were admitted.

Mr. J. C. Hepburn's motion that the first session of play close at 9.15 p.m. instead of 9 was carried.

The Captains of Divisions meet shortly to arrange the fixtures.

There is a splendid sheet of ice on the rinks at present.

Charity Day will be observed on Jan. 25th, the first holiday. During past years Charity Day has been one of the greatest with the curiers, and many poor families have been assisted. They realize that there is even greater scope this year, and every effort will be put forward to exceed the receipts of last season.

A committee has been arranged to look after the distribution of the funds, and the secretary has formulated a scheme which has met with the approval of all members.

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Detained By Fog

The S.S. Carthaginian left Philadelphia at 7 a.m. yesterday, but as there is dense fog on the Delaware and she has not been reported passing out of the river, she is no doubt at anchor.

## PAYS TRIBUTE TO VOLUNTEERS FROM COLLEGE

Official Organ of Mount Allison Contains Laudatory Reference to Quartette of Newfoundlanders

From the "Argosy," the official organ of Mount Allison, we clip the following complimentary reference to the Newfoundlanders who attended the University and who are now fighting for the Flag. Pictures of the young men appeared with the items:

Pearson V. Curtis, '13.

Pearson V. Curtis, '13, was appointed Rhodes Scholar from Newfoundland in 1911 while attending Mt. Allison. Mr. Curtis left at once for Oxford, and during the summer of this year, volunteered for active service.

He has since been ordered to India, where we trust his Military career will be as fortunate as his scholastic has been—successful.

William F. Hutchings, '16.

'Bill' Hutchings entered the University with the class of '14, and later joined '16 (rejoining). Those who know him will realize that the Army has gained a man who embodies all those attributes of courage, fidelity and good cheer which go to make England's soldiers what they are. Wherever the battle is thickest there you will find Bill, and wherever Bill is, we are our best wishes, and our sympathy for the German who happens to be in front of him.

R. W. Bartlett, '17.

Rupert W. Bartlett, of Brigus, Newfoundland, Corporal in the First Newfoundland Contingent now doing duty in Inverness, Scotland. "Padeo" as he was commonly called, entered last year with the '17 class. From the first day he entered until he left he was a general favourite. He was a member of last year's football team. We wish him success and a safe return to Mount Allison.

R. B. Herder, '17.

Ralph B. Herder came to Mt. Allison with the reputation of being a real "sport." This reputation was splendidly sustained during the year he was with us. He developed into a lever football player and contributed largely to the success of last season's soccer team. There was general disappointment when the word was circulated that Ralph was not coming back this year, but the feeling changed to one of satisfaction when the news came that he had joined the Newfoundland Contingent.

To-night's Tourney

The card tourney at the British Society Club rooms takes place tonight at 9 o'clock. It is open to all. Special prizes will be given.

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## GALICIA SCENE OF BIG BATTLES

Petrograd, Dec. 26, via London—Large bodies of Russian troops are moving toward Cracow, the Galician stronghold, from the north and east. An important battle apparently is developing in South-Western Poland near Cracow.

While the Germans are not relaxing their efforts along the line from Sochaczew to Skiernewice in the movement toward Warsaw, the greatest activity Tuesday was made in the vicinity of Miechow and Andrejew, immediately north-east of Cracow. The Russians have moved back to positions along the left bank of the Nida River near its junction with the Vistula, thirty miles east of Cracow. The objective of the Austro-German forces in this vicinity appears to be Kielec. Their front extends about seventy miles from the right bank of the Nida.

Their strength is estimated at eight to ten army corps (320,000 to 400,000 men).

Austrians Heavy Loss.

The Teutonic Allies on December 18 attacked the outskirts of Plinzow, 25 miles east of Miechow, and were successful in crossing the river. Subsequently, however they were thrown back with heavy losses, after a desperate fight.

The Russians are in force along the Pilica River, twenty miles south-east of Piotrkow.

The Nida River is occupied by five divisions of German cavalry. The two Russian armies are seeking to close in, moving in the direction of Opoczno. Near the latter point, in the vicinity of the town of Shedbero, an Austrian force was defeated several days ago, losing 1,000 men and 17 officers.

Success in Galicia.

It is the opinion of Russian military critics that the action in this territory is intended by the Germans to draw away the Russians from the vicinity of Cracow by threatening their communications.

The official announcement of Russian successes in Galicia is interpreted here as meaning a definite defeat of the third Austrian advance. The Russians claim to have taken the offensive, attacking successfully the en-

tire southern frontier forces of the Austrians under General Boehm-Ermolli.

Garrison Driven Back.

The attack extended along the River Dunajec as far as the upper valleys of the San. The Austrians who advanced over the Mazolaboretz Pass in the Carpathians toward Dukla were attacked along a front from Lisko to Sanak. A series of attempts in that direction is reported to have failed.

The Przmysl garrison on December 18 made a desperate sortie but was driven back on the fortifications with heavy losses. Simultaneously the Austrian division which was advancing toward Dukla was attacked with bayonets and forced to flee, leaving an enormous number of dead. The Russians captured 1,000 prisoners, including ten officers.

To the west, on the road leading to Baltefeld, an Austrian corps was attacked by Russians at Ryoliatz, on a front descending from Ryg to Yodlov. The Austrians were thrown back, leaving about 1,500 dead on the field.

S.S. Stephano leaves New York to-day for Halifax and St. John's.

Portia Sails

Portia sailed westward at 10 a.m., taking a large freight and the following passengers:—G. Bishop, Mr. Winter, Miss Street, Miss Hogan, W. H. Foote, J. Petite and 20 steerage.

Prospero left Little Bay Islands at 6.50 last evening. She is due here on Saturday.

The express is due at 5 this evening.

No Society Parade

The British and Orange Societies will not parade on New Year's Day. This is because of the Sealing Disaster and the war.

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The s.s. Adventure sails for Mediterranean ports tomorrow afternoon. She takes a mail and it closes at 3.30.

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Will parade at the Armoury at 9.30 a.m. New Year's Day for the purpose of parading with the Volunteers. Bandsmen who have volunteered will also parade. Fur Head Dress, Practice Thursday evening at 9 o'clock sharp.

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