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A NURSE'S EXPERIENCE AT THE FRONT

On Friday afternoon, Primrose Theatre was fairly well filled to listen to an address given by Mrs. Fielding, who has just returned from Flanders, where she has been helping in the great work of caring for the wounded soldiers.

The first on the program was a beautifully rendered solo by Mrs. Harry Ruggles, the words of which were particularly appropriate to the occasion. Mr. F. R. Fay, who acted as chairman, in a few well chosen remarks introduced the speaker.

Mrs. Fielding, held the close attention of her audience for about an hour, and gave her hearers that insight into the work of the nurses at the front, which it is only possible to get by hearing a personal experience. She began by stating that at the outbreak of the war, there were about 140,000 Americans in Europe and as the steamship service was at once interrupted, it was a problem how to get these people home. Women became hysterical, and some insane. The great Hotel Savoy was opened to them, and many private residences, until arrangements could be made to send them home.

The Harvard Unit, to which Mrs. Fielding was attached, sailed in June. In it there were seventy-five nurses, fifty of whom were Canadian born, and of these Nova Scotia had the distinction of claiming fifteen, the largest number from any one province. They sailed from New York for Falmouth in a Holland liner, and were ten days in London being outfitted. During that time they were given many entertainments in London. They had tickets to the various theatres sent them for each evening, and on Sunday seats were reserved for them in both St. Pauls Cathedral and Westminster Abbey. Among her souvenirs was a card showing the party being entertained at Warwick Castle.

The Harvard Nurses were given their uniform with military coat and Red Cross Hat, but no star, or rank. The Canadian nurses who have gone to the front have all been given a star and rank, and officer's ratings. The Canadian hospitals are the best supplied of any and the Canadian nurses in their bright blue uniforms and military belt and Red Cross hat are considered the best looking in the world.

From Dover the Unit sailed for Boulogne in a hospital ship. The passage was like going through an immense tunnel. First were the nets, then the big ships, and outside were the submarines watching for any enemy that might be brave enough to show itself. When they arrived at their destination they were given their "kit", which consisted of a heavy canvas roll containing bed, washstand, chain, water pail, and

bath tub, all of canvas. All of this hospital was under canvas. But now the most of the hospitals are stationary, that is in buildings which have been given the Government for that purpose. Near where they were located, was the scene of one of Napoleon's camps, and old Roman coins had been found when the hospital was being located. There were also the remains of an old Chateau dating back to 800, with marks of the old dungeon and moat.

Mrs. Fielding's description of the care of the wounded was most vivid. After a battle the Red Cross trains would come in, nearly always at night, with their convoys of wounded. The trains were run very slowly, and each knew their work so well that not a word was spoken. The "walking cases," that is those who had been slightly wounded, but were able to walk, were cared for first. Then came those that had been more severely wounded. They were all given baths and clean clothing by the orderlies. All wounds had been dressed at the front, and so well was this done, even sometimes under fire, that if the men were comfortable the dressings were not changed until after they had rested. The nurses were not told that a convoy was coming until about an hour before the trains came in, but so perfect was the organization that in three hours after the first convoy arrived, all of the 15,000 patients were cared for. In all her experience with some thousands of men, Mrs. Fielding had not seen one case of drunkenness or heard any swearing. They were very reluctant to talk of their experiences, but were all very grateful for all the nurses did for them to make them comfortable.

Many interesting souvenirs were shown, including badges, and buttons and bullets of various countries, also the passport and certificate bearing the seal of Harvard University, and the signature of the President. The proceeds amounting to about \$13.00 will be used for buying comforts for the soldiers.

(Mrs. Fielding is a sister of Mrs. J. S. Lewis of this town. After spending Christmas at her home in Ontario she will return to France.)

I was cured of Rheumatic Gout by MINARD'S LINIMENT. Halifax. ANDREW KING.

I was cured of Acute Bronchitis by MINARD'S LINIMENT. LT.-COL. C. CREWE READ. Sussex.

I was cured of Acute Rheumatism by MINARD'S LINIMENT. Markham, Ont. C. S. BILLING. Lakefield, Que. Oct. 9, 1907.

THE EUROPEAN WAR

Greek Troops Withdrawn From Saloniki

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The actual withdrawal of the Greek army from the path of the Allied forces which are retreating on Saloniki is said to have been effected. A Reuter despatch filed in Athens yesterday says:

"As a result of the agreement between the Greek General Staff and the Allied Generals the division of the Greek army which has been stationed at Langaza has been withdrawn to Serres, about fifty miles northeast of Saloniki. The zone between Saloniki and Doiran has been left free for movements of the Allied troops. The military authorities today took over a portion of the customs house at Saloniki."

Allies Fall Back on Saloniki

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The British and French troops have successfully carried out their retirement from Serbia across the Greek frontier, and by an arrangement with the Greek Government a clear road has been left for them to fall back on Saloniki, which is being organized as a base.

The German official report of today claims that "approximately two English divisions were annihilated" during the retirement, but this is considered here an exaggeration. Accounts from Athens and Saloniki say the retreat was carried out in an orderly manner, and without heavy losses. By the destruction of railway bridges and roads, and by stubborn rear-guard action, in one of which two companies of the Inniskilling Regiment sacrificed themselves to save their comrades, the Bulgarians were kept at a fairly safe distance.

The question now arises whether the Bulgarians and Austro-Germans intend to follow the British and French troops into Greece, and what action the Greek Government will take, should they do so. The impression gained from despatches emanating in Athens is that neither the Bulgarians nor the Turks, who are reported to have arrived near the frontier, would be welcomed in Greece, and that therefore if it has been decided to follow the Entente Allies, the task will be undertaken by Austrians and Germans.

WAR BRIEFS

Lord Derby's recruiting scheme has been extended to the 11th of December. It has proved successful.

The Russian Premier has declared Russia's intention to put 2,000,000 more men on the field immediately.

Many letters from the trenches say that striped bulls' eyes are more appreciated than tobacco and cigarettes.

On the first day of the opening of the Canadian war loan for subscriptions, Montreal alone subscribed \$22,000,000.

The Shah of Persia has made an agreement with Russia and Britain and the German trouble makers have departed.

Newfoundland will have in January its first plant for making shells in operation. It will be under the direction of the Munition Commission in Ottawa.

The Hon. T. Chase Casgrain, Postmaster General of Canada, has been officially charged with the special duty of superintending the military postal service.

London confectioners report that their trade has recovered in consequence of the demand of soldiers for sweets, since drinking hours have been shortened.

The Germans have been charged with erecting a wireless station near Portland, Maine, to avoid censorship

exercised over their operations at Sayville and Tuckerton.

The United States has reopened correspondence with Germany respecting the torpedoing of the Lusitania. But, nothing has been given to the public on the subject.

An order for 2000 pairs of lined winter mitts has been given to a St. Thomas firm. It is the second order this firm has received and shows that its former work was satisfactory.

Japan has sent an agent to Canada to inspect the manufactories where shells are produced for the purpose of helping Japan the better to assist Russia by a larger supply of shells.

The "Globe" newspaper, London, which was seized by the Government, has apologized for its incorrect statements about Lord Kitchener's resignation, and has been allowed to continue publication.

The loss of Greece as a market has interfered greatly with the fish business of Newfoundland, which has been sending there yearly about 7,800,000 dollars. The price has dropped a dollar per quintal.

The Paris City Council has adopted a measure requiring all subjects of allied nations who are of military age, either to join the French army or leave the country. Otherwise they will be put in concentration camps.

The Relief Committee of Vancouver has appropriated funds for the making of Christmas toys in British Columbia, which will be sold to stores for the cost of making. The object is to give work to idle men.

The Captain gave the command to the company to double. One man remained perfectly still and looked around. "Don't you know about 'double'?", the Captain asked. "No, sorr," was the reply, "I'm from Cork, not Dublin."

Mr. Chamberlain, Secretary of State for India, reports the general condition of India to be satisfactory. The difficulties which have arisen have been occasioned by a party of extremists, of whom many are fugitives from justice.

John E. Redmond, the leader of the Irish Nationalists, lately visited the Irish troops in France, with his son, who is a lieutenant. The troops gave him a great reception, and urged him to call upon their countrymen to go over and fight with them for the liberty of the world.

BORN

SPINNEY.—At Meadow Vale, Anna, Co., November 26th, to Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Spinney, a daughter—Rilla Florence.

SALTER.—At Upper Granville, Dec. 10th, to Mr. and Mrs. George I. Salter, a daughter.

CLARKE.—At Spa Springs, Dec. 2, 1915, to Mr. and Mrs. John Clark, a daughter.

SPURR.—November 19th, to Mr. and Mrs. W. Stanle ySpurr, a son, Ernest Stanley.

REDUCED POSTAGE RATES ON PARCELS TO FRANCE AND FLANDERS

Post Office Department, Ottawa, Canada. The Honorable T Chase Casgrain, Postmaster General of Canada, has been successful, as a result of negotiations entered into with the Imperial Postal Authorities, in effecting an arrangement with the British Government whereby parcels from Canada for Canadian soldiers in France and Flanders will be carried at the same rate of postage as applies to parcels from the United Kingdom for the Expeditionary Forces on the Continent; that is,

For parcels weighing up to three pounds 24 cents. For parcels weighing over three pounds and not more than seven pounds 32 cents. For parcels weighing over seven pounds and not more than eleven pounds 38 cents.

This means a material reduction on the cost of parcels, and it is hoped it will be a source of satisfaction to the Canadian public. This reduction has been brought about by Canada foregoing all postal charges for the conveyance of these parcels in Canada and on the Atlantic.

The public are reminded, however, in accordance with the circular issued by the Department recently, that until further notice, no parcel can be sent weighing over seven pounds.

Ottawa, Dec. 8.—It is practically settled that parliament will meet on Wednesday, January 12th, though the cabinet held only a short meeting this afternoon and did not make an official decision as to the date of opening.

THREE VITAL QUESTIONS Are you full of energy, vital force, and general good health? Do you know that good digestion is the foundation of good health? Pains and oppression in stomach and chest after eating, with constipation, headache, dizziness, are sure signs of indigestion. Mother Seigel's Syrup, the great herbal remedy and tonic, will cure you.

AFTER MEALS TAKE MOTHER SEIGEL'S SYRUP AND BANISH STOMACH TROUBLES

At all Drugists, or direct on receipt of price, 50c. and \$1.00. The large bottle contains three times as much as the smaller. A. J. WHITE & CO. LIMITED, Craig Street West, Montreal.

TIMELY PROTEST BY THE LOCAL RECRUITING COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Local Recruiting Committee held last Monday, the following resolution was unanimously passed and the Secretary directed to hand the same to the Monitor for publication:

"It having been brought to the attention of the Committee that certain individuals have been encouraging boys under age, (and in some cases very much under age), to volunteer for overseas service, and that some have already been led to enlist, therefore resolved: That we, the Local Recruiting Committee, take this opportunity of placing on record our repudiation of such questionable conduct, and to strongly protest against any person or persons encouraging or urging boys under 18 years of age to enlist, or providing facilities for them to do so. Such conduct is not only unwise and pernicious in its general results, but it also puts a premium on falsehood. We would also call the attention of parents to this matter and urge them to impress upon their boys the serious and wrongful nature of the act of giving a false statement in regard to age for the purpose of enlisting. If parents of boys under age who have enlisted, or may contemplate doing so, will communicate with this Committee, steps will be taken to secure their release."

HYMENEAL

GOODWIN—MONROE

A quiet wedding was solemnized Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock at the home of Mr. W. B. Goodwin, near Reba, when Mr. George O. Goodwin and Mrs. Della M. Monroe were united in marriage by Rev. J. M. Coleman pastor of the Baptist church at Thaxton. Only the members of the families and a few intimate friends were present. Immediately after the ceremony they went to Thaxton and took the train for a wedding trip which will include Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and other northern points. On their return they will be at home to their friends at Irving, where Mr. Goodwin is engaged in the mercantile business. Mrs. Goodwin is a native of Nova Scotia, but for some years past has spent the summer months at the home of Mr. W. B. Goodwin, and has made many friends in Bedford who rejoice to know that this will be her permanent home.

The Lawrence town (South Side), Red Cross Society sent the following articles to headquarters, Dec. 8th: 24 hospital shirts, 20 pyjama suits, 20 prs. socks, 6 doz. handkerchiefs, 1 night shirt, Mrs. Selina Daniels knitted 10 prs. of the socks as her contribution.

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On the Christmas Gift Question

WHEN one man presents a Christmas present to another it is usually some article of wearing apparel. He knows that this is what will be most appreciated, and he knows what to select. The woman buyer, however, usually feels that there are only one or two such articles she can safely buy, fearing that she might not correctly judge his taste and preferences.

We give here a list of articles sold in our "Men's Wear Store." These are the things men select, and those we show in our store are designed to suit every taste. At our store you can get the masculine viewpoint on the gift question, and we are here to assist you in making a suitable selection.

Look over this list and see if it does not suggest a gift for someone on your list. But the bare list can give no idea of how well we can serve you. If you will call when doing your Christmas shopping we will gladly show you our Special Christmas lines. Women shoppers will find that we can be of great assistance to them in helping them to select suitable gifts.

- House Coats, Dressing Gowns,
- Men's and Boys' Sweaters, Negligee Shirts,
- Neckwear, silk and knitted in fancy boxes,
- Hosiery in Fancy Patterns and Plain Cashmere,
- Suspenders, Garters and Arm Bands in fancy boxes
- Silk Mufflers, Club Bags and Suit Cases,
- Knitted Vests and Fancy Silk Vests,
- Flannel Shirts with detachable collars,
- Gloves, Grey and Brown Suede, Yellow Chamois, Gauntlets,
- Hats and Caps, latest styles and patterns,
- Men's Cuff Links, Watch Chains, Tie Clips,
- Stick Pins, Collars and Cuffs, latest styles and patterns,
- Perfumes in fancy boxes,
- Men's and Boys' Reefers and Mackinaws,
- Men's Slippers, Boots, Shoes and Overshoes,

Our stock of Men's and Boys' Suits and Overcoats are in every respect complete

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- Navy, black and cardinal Dress Serges
- Shepherd's Checks in extra super Quality, 40 inches wide, only 45 cents
- The Popular "Mannish" effects in Dress Tweeds, 40 inches wide, only 45 cts.
- Wool Dresses, girls 4 to 7 years a genuine bargain at \$1.25 and \$1.50
- Girls' and Boys' Knitted Wool Caps 25c and 30c
- English Flannelettes. The genuine "Spero Make" stamped on selvage every 2 yards
- Laces, Ribbons and Fancy Handkerchiefs
- Grand value in Cashmere Hose in sizes 8½, 9, 9½ and 10 inches
- Men's Night Shirts extra value

- Men's Ribbed Wool Shirts and Drawers, Unshrinkable, sizes 34 to 46 only 95 cents up
- Plain Wool Shirts and Drawers from the best makers
- Men's Fleece-lined Shirts and Drawers "Penman's Pen Angle" only 45cts.
- Boys' Fleece-lined Shirts and Drawers 4 to 15 years old, 22 cents up
- Boys' Sweaters, grand values
- Men's and Boys' Braces, special value
- Gloves, Armllets and Boston Garters Handkerchiefs and Socks
- Silk Neckties, specially boxed for Christmas presents
- Men' tan or black Fleece-lined Top Shirts, 14 to 17 inch only 90c each
- Men's Fine Shirts 49 cents up

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