

CANADIANS NEARLY STARVED IN GERMANY

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BADLY FED IN GERMANY

Food Supplied to Wounded Men Not Even Healthy Person Could Eat Unless Near Starvation.

London, Dec. 8. (Gazette Cable).—Echoes of the great struggle around Ypres in April were heard today in the stories of six Canadian prisoners just arrived from Germany as the result of an exchange of incapacitated prisoners of war. All six, who are now in Millbank Hospital, had fallen out of the Canadian ranks in the April fighting.

Private G. W. Hincks, of the 13th Battalion, Montreal Highlanders, after trying for two days in the field, with bullet and bayonet wounds in the leg, was carried off to Stenbure, a considerable journey, without surgical treatment. "As soon as they heard that we were Canadians," he said, "they intimidated how much they loved us and welcomed us." Hincks was taken to a prisoners' hospital at Cologne, where the food was such as even a healthy soldier could not eat, unless ravenous with hunger. Among his mates of the same regiment left behind are Jack Harrison, Douglas Wells and Corporal Gilmore, while Private Herbert, Corporal Bom Watt and Private Grimwood are at Stenbure. A brother, Robert Hincks, is still in Boulogne hospital, suffering from the effects of gas.

Alexander Bullock, of Toronto, 3rd Battalion, looked very emaciated, and declared that but for the parcels of food received by him none of the prisoners could not have survived. In fact, all the men expressed their gratitude to the Canadian Red Cross and Private Beneficent in this respect. Private Bullock was at Limburg camp, as was Private L. D. Cardy, of the Winnipeg Rifles, his home address being Port Arthur.

Lance Corporal Fred Long, of Peterboro, who joined the 16th Vancouver Battalion and was wounded at Ypres, is walking on crutches. He came from Senninger, and had no complaint to make about his treatment. He was due to come over with a previous batch of exchanges, about the middle of October, but was sick at that time.

REPORT ABOUT
1ST BATTALION
ERRONEOUS

Ottawa, Dec. 8.—A cable despatch to Gen. Sir Sam Hughes this morning stated that the first Canadian battalion had not been engaged in action in any form during the past few days. The report about heavy losses in that regiment was entirely erroneous. The total Canadian casualties yesterday were three killed and twenty wounded. These were the result of sniping by the enemy.

GOOD WORK DONE
BY THE SOLDIERS'
COMFORTS ASS'N

The monthly meeting of the Soldiers' Comforts Association was held yesterday afternoon in the parlors of Cenotaph church, there being a good attendance. The secretary, Miss Jarvis, read the minutes of the previous meeting which were confirmed. The report of the corresponding secretary was read and adopted. The treasurer's report showed that \$308.52 had been collected in November, and that the total sum raised to date had amounted to \$2,484.61; balance in hand, \$1,049.

Reports of the local branches were presented by Mrs. Morrissey for West St. John; Miss Genter for the Girls' Association; Mrs. Beatty for the Douglas Avenue circle; Mrs. Matheson for the Alexandra circle; Miss Carver for the Red, White and Blue circle; and Miss Willets for the Cenotaph Girls' Association. Mrs. Holly reported for the knitting committee, and Mrs. Pidgeon for the tobacco committee.

Gratifying reports were received from the following outside points: Folkestone, Mrs. Nason; Ingleside, Mrs. Gentry; Brookville, Miss Tait; Gagetown, Miss Byles; Woodstock, Miss Balmain. It was reported that 304 cases of Christmas goods sent in by friends of the soldiers had been shipped through the association to Halifax during November, consigned to Miss Plummer at Shorncliffe, England. So far no word of their arrival has been received, but there is no reason to suppose that they have not reached their destination.

NO SECRECY IN
EVENT PEACE TERMS
BEING PRESENTED

Will first be discussed by Allied Governments, Asquith says, and Parliament will be consulted at earliest possible moment.

London, Dec. 8.—"If proposals of a serious character for a general peace are put forward by the enemy governments either directly or through a neutral power they will first be discussed by the Allied governments. Until this contingency arises I cannot give any further pledge."

The foregoing was Premier Asquith's reply made in the House of Commons today to the request of Philip Snowden, Socialist member for Blackburn, for a pledge that no proposals for negotiations based on the evacuation of conquered territory shall be rejected by the British government without the knowledge of parliament. Mr. Asquith said:

"As soon as proposals for peace are put forward it will be the desire of the government to take parliament into its confidence at the earliest possible moment."

Enlistment of Clergy.
"As there is nothing doing in Christianity at present isn't it important that clergymen should enlist?" was the question presented in the House of Commons today to Harold J. Tennant, parliamentary under-secretary for war by the Liberal member for Hanley, Robert L. Outwalte.

The question was put evidently with the object of starting a debate on the subject of the enlistment of the clergy, upon which there has been considerable discussion for and against. Mr. Tennant, however, refused to be drawn.

EMPIRE APPEAL FOR
RED CROSS BROUGHT
\$4,000,000,000 IN ONE DAY

London, Dec. 8.—It was announced at a meeting of the British Red Cross in London this afternoon that a recent one-day collection taken throughout the Empire in behalf of the Red Cross had resulted in the fine total of \$4,000,000.

Lord Lansdowne, minister without portfolio, in the British cabinet, thanked the British overseas dominions for their share of contributions.

Enquiry for Spruce and Sleepers.
The secretary of the Board of Trade states that a French firm has written to the board asking for quotations on rough common spruce. They have an order for 425,000 feet which should be shipped immediately to be used in the erection of barracks. The firm states that it will require several millions of feet more, and that it would like to have quotations for railway sleepers as well.

OVER 300 MEN ALREADY
ON ROLL OF THE 132ND

North Shore Battalion filling up rapidly—Capt. L. D. Jones joins staff of the 132nd — Newcastle welcomes first of her returned wounded heroes.

Newcastle, Dec. 8.—Major L. D. Jones came from Dalhousie on Dec. 15, 1914, and has been in charge of the wireless garrison ever since, has been removed to the staff of the 132nd in Chatham, of which battalion he is second in command. About 60 recruits are receiving drill at Chatham, some 60 more here, under Capt. A. L. Barry, and Lt. J. Graham McKnight; 30 or 40 at Bathurst, and some 110 at Campbellton under Capt. N. C. MacKay. The recruits not yet drilling bring the strength of the 132nd up over 300.

The new officers commanding the garrison at the wireless are Major A. S. Cameron, Black River; Lieut. Stewarts McNaughton, Black River, and Lieut. De La Parvillie, Jersey, England. Due honor was paid last night to the returned wounded hero, Corporal R. F. Manderson, when the citizens, headed by the band, turned out en masse to welcome him home—the first of Newcastle's wounded to reach here. The speakers were W. A. Park, who presided; Mayor G. G. Stohart, Major L. D. Jones, Hon. John Morrissey and Justice O. S. Crockett of the Supreme Court. All lauded Corporal Manderson, who was among the first to go, enlisting with the 13th Field Battery, afterwards joining the 10th Battery from the west. With this he went through the battles of Ypres, St. Julien and Givenchy, and many others being incapacitated at Givenchy.

Mr. Park urged all possible preferences.

REQUISITIONING
OF STR. HOCKING
IS POSTPONED

Washington, Dec. 8.—Requisitioning by the British government of the American trans-Atlantic steamer Hocking, protested by the state department, has been postponed for three weeks, Secretary Lansing was advised today. The steamer is at Halifax, where she was taken by a British warship.

Ambassador Page's presentation at London of the protest is believed to be one cause of the postponement.

The Hocking was so badly damaged in a collision with a British troops transport at Halifax, it was reported to the department today, that she was made unseaworthy, and consequently could not leave the harbor at this time. Reports placed the damage above the water-line and made no mention of casualties. Attorneys for the American Transatlantic Company have informed the department that their representatives in Halifax have libelled the troops for \$5,000 to cover the damages.

ences in industrial and commercial establishments to returned soldiers.

Mayor Stohart gave the hero the freedom of the town and called on someone to take his place at the front. Corporal Manderson very feelingly replied.

Major Jones read a letter of regret from Col. Merseman, who had a few hours before been called to Halifax. Col. Merseman said that the sacrifice of Manderson had helped recruiting for the 132nd.

Major Jones called for recruits to go with him to take Manderson's place at the front.

Hon. John Morrissey made a passionate plea for every young man to enlist to defend our homes and freedom. The whole English world honored Manderson and such men. The old who stay home must keep up the patriotic funds.

Judge Crockett, a native of this county, made an eloquent speech, praising Corporal Manderson, and warmly referring to Col. Merseman who sent two sons to the front, of whom one, Major Jack, so distinguished himself, and now, though far beyond military age is going himself with the 132nd.

Much appreciated solos were given by Messrs. Bowman, of St. John, wireless operator Jackson, and John A. Craghan, with Miss Mollie Morrissey accompanist and the band gave several selections.

God Save the King and cheers for Corporal Manderson closed the meeting.

Col. Papineau Pleased

WITH WORK AT SUSSEX

Progress Made by Men of 104th and 140th Delights Halifax Official.

The progress made by the 104th and 140th battalions at Sussex is very pleasing to Col. Papineau, who has charge of the officers' school at Halifax. Col. Papineau was in Sussex yesterday and spent a few hours in St. John last evening before returning to the Nova Scotia capital.

The officer said that Col. Fowler had done a splendid work at Sussex and that the men there had adapted themselves readily to army life. He had luncheon with Col. Fowler in the afternoon.

Col. Papineau met a number of the officers stationed in this city, including several of the 69th. Twenty of that Battalion's officers received instruction in the Halifax school. Fifteen of them will come to St. John next Saturday or Sunday, he said.

"T.R." CANNOT
TRUST HIMSELF
TO SPEAK ON WAR

Is uppermost subject in his mind and fears he would make bad break if he speaks in Toronto.

Toronto, Dec. 8.—"I can't do it. I cannot possibly come till the war is over," said Col. Roosevelt to F. H. Deacon, president of the Canadian Club of Toronto, who had called on the ex-president at Oyster Bay to urge him to accept the invitation of the club to address them.

Mr. Deacon put in that the address could easily be made on some other subject than war.

"I cannot speak," declared Col. Roosevelt, "except on what is in my heart, and the thing that is in my heart is war. I am criticizing our government in my own country and I cannot do so elsewhere."

Then Mr. Deacon referred to the address given by Mr. Barron, of the Wall Street Journal, in Toronto, and to the effect such words had in cementing the friendly relations of Canada and the United States. Mr. Barron he said, had shown how much the United States was contributing to the cause of the Allies.

"You cannot buy honor with money," cried Col. Roosevelt with intense feeling. "I too could make a good defence of the United States."

"Nothing," he continued, "would please me more than a visit to Toronto, but I cannot trust myself. I would certainly say what would be unwise to say."

The colonel insisted that the com-

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pleteness with which the war filled his heart and mind, prevented him from accepting Mr. Deacon's offer. What he thought of Andrew Carnegie, who had spoken in Toronto some time ago. Col. Roosevelt replied that he did not think much of Carnegie. "He ought to be home in Scotland," said he.

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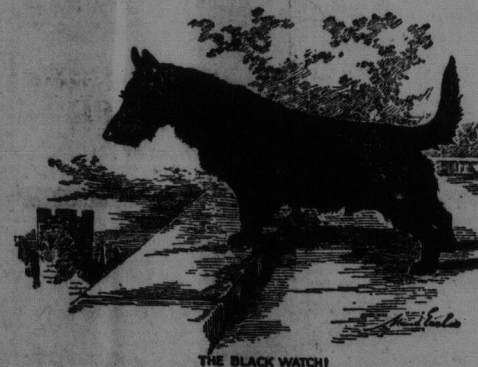
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