News of Men In Training For Great War

LONDON CAT TRAVELS OVER 4,000 MILES; IS STILL 18TH BATTALION'S MASCOT

Stray Tabby From Queen's Park Now in England.

IS AT SANDLING CAMP

Is Successfully Smuggled Aboard Troop Ship Under Owner's Great Coat.

[By Pte. W. J. Bartlett.]
Sandling Camp,
Kent, June 23.

There are cats and cats, but there is one cat at Sandling Camp, Kent, that is petted by all the officers and men of the 18th Battalion.

It is a black cat with a remarkable history, which should prove interesting reading to Advertiser readers. The cat is owned by Scotty Kane of C Company, and it was at Queen's Park, London, where the proud possessor picked it up.

It happened in this way. Pussy quietly walked into the barracks one evening and looked over the soldiers' cots. Pte. Kane's eagle eyes spotted the visitor, and at once took a fancy to it. He decided there and then to keep the cat, and placed it in a small box at the side of his cot, and there the cat slept soundly every night.

The boys christened pussy "Bum," but the name does not imply in any way that the cat was guilty of bumming, for it is too well fed for that. It was just a name let idly drop, which has stuck to it.

"Bum" at once proved itself a faithful creature to his soldier friend, and would follow him around the park as faithfully as any dog. All Pte. Kane had to do was to whistle certain notes and the cat would quickly come.

Its owner decided to take the cat with him across the broad Atlantic, and he successfully got it on the train when the 18th left London. Pussy made itself quite at home in its new quarters, and would parade up and down the coaches as if it had been there all its life. The officers did not object to the cat, and would frequently stop to smooth its glossy fur.

Smuggled on Board.

To get the cat on the SS Grampian, however, was no easy task. Kane had his full pack on, and carried also his two kit bags. He, however, slipped it into his haversack, underneath his grey coat, and pussy never rendered any solos. Thus, while many animals which the boys would have liked to take to England with them were turned down by the officials, "Bum" was safely taken on board.

Pussy again made itself quite at home, and was landed in England, like the soldiers, in the pink of condition.

The cat is now in the training camp here, and follows its master around as it did in Queen's Park. Pte. Kane would not part with his mascot that has travelled over 4,000 miles, for anything. His ambition is to take it to the trenches on the firing line in France, and if it is at all possible his comrades will willingly help him in his task.

"BUM," THE 18TH MASCOT, AND ITS MASTER.

Some Canadians Getting Holiday

First Party Cross Channel for Rest in England.

[Special Cable to The Advertiser.]

London, July 5.—About twenty-five men of the Canadian division on leave from the front made the crossing on Saturday. These are the first of what are hoped may be occasional parties of Canadians returning here for a brief spell.

FUNERAL OF MRS. HOLLING.

WYOMING, July 4.—The remains of Mrs. B. Holling were laid to rest on Saturday morning from the home of her daughter, Mrs. O'Brien. A large number of friends were in attendance to pay last respect to one who was widely known for her deeds of charity and kindness.

RECRUITING STATIONS FOR 34TH OPENED

Men Will Be Taken On At Paisley, Woodstock, Stratford and Galt.

Recruiting stations have been opened for one week at Paisley, Woodstock, Stratford and Galt, where men for the 34th Battalion will be taken on. This battalion has still need of about 150 men, this being the reason for the opening of the stations in four Western Ontario points.

Ten men for the hospital unit are still required, but it is expected that this number will report in some time today.

The ten engineers requested some time ago have not been recruited, neither has recruiting for the two new battalions been begun. Until the commanders have been named not a man will be taken on with either body, and the officers who will head these two new Western Ontario units are not yet appointed.

PRINCETON GARDEN PARTY.

PRINCETON, July 4.—Although the weatherman did not favor the Methodists at their annual garden party, the affair passed off successfully. The proceeds from all sources, exclusive of Sunday, amounted to $160.

E. W. Nesbitt, M.P., of Woodstock, presided in a very able manner and his speech later on was listened to with great interest. Rev. W. K. Shearer, M. A., was in a happy vein and, as usual, much pleased his large audience. The many numbers of prose and poetry given by Rev. C. L. McIrvine of Berlin, an old Princeton boy, were highly appreciated. Mr. Mann of Innerkip gave patriotic songs in splendid form. The brass band from Ayr furnished good music. The supper was set in the basement, owing to the heavy rains of the afternoon. There was an abundance of fine strawberries and the tables were furnished by the ladies with a large supply of the best of dainties.

KEENEST COMPETITION FOR OFFICERS' SHIELD

Possession May Be Decided By Wednesday Drill Contest.

The Wednesday drill competition of the men at camp promises to be more keenly contested this week than the last two weeks, for the reason that the 34th has but to win once more when it will have proved its right to the shield offered by the officers for a field drill competition between the members of the two battalions. The 34th say that they expect to win the shield Wednesday for keeps, but the 33rd boys are just as positive such will not prove to be the case. Both squads are hard at work practising, and the prettiest competition yet held at the camp is promised for next Wednesday afternoon. Citizens are cordially invited to be present, and such as have availed themselves of the privilege the last two weeks went home more than satisfied with what they had witnessed.

GALT MAY SUPPLY 25 MEN FOR GUARD ON LONDON CAMP

New City Asked How Many It Can Provide.

RECRUITING TO FILL 34TH

This Locality Has a Good Record for Recruiting So Far.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

GALT, July 4.—Through its splendid recruiting record for the first, second and third contingents, Galt has again been asked to recruit men for the 34th Battalion to bring it up to full strength. Orders were received yesterday morning by Major Clarke, officer commanding the 29th Regiment, and in the afternoon the recruiting office was opened, and will be kept open for a week. It is expected this city will contribute a number of men.

The 29th Regiment has also been asked to state how many men it can provide for a permanent guard for the mobilization camp at London. Applications are being received, and it is expected that this city will give for this purpose about 25 men.

STRATFORD SIGNS TWENTY-FOUR.

STRATFORD, July 4.—Twenty-four recruits were accepted for overseas service on Friday, and ten of them left Saturday morning for London to immediately undergo training. These latter were: Ptes. Thomas, Flannigan, Mantle, Hubbard, Clark, White, Romey, Whitehead and Chillingworth.

When James S. Smith enlisted, all records of enlistment from any individual house were broken. Six volunteers have been accepted from his home since recruiting first commenced last August, and two of these, members of the first contingent, have appeared in the casualty lists, one wounded and the other missing.

SERVICE FOR SOLDIERS

Impressive Sigt at Camp Where Men Are Massed for Worship.

Capt. Peacock of the 33rd Battalion conducted services at the camp Sunday morning. The captain is chaplain of the regiment. Services were held one-half hour earlier than usual. It was an impressive sight to see the hundreds of men take part in devotional services, with the large tree in the centre of the grounds standing out as sentinel and around it massed cordon on cordon of khaki-clad soldiers. The service is that of the Church of England. Capt. Peacock made a short address to the men and some few hymns were sung.

THE ROYAL MAIL

"A letter from loving Lucy, a letter from loving Lou." — Military bugle call.

FRED YOUNG.
(18th Battalion Band, En Route To Berlin.)

When the bugle call of "letters" flings
Its notes out on the breeze,
We know that mail has reached the camp from loved ones overseas.
And we welcome every word we read,
For it cheers us, you can bet,
To know we're not forgotten by the friends we can't forget.

We need no further proof to show that things exist today
As when it first was said that "Britain o'er the waves holds sway";
And we're ready on the instant to salute with cheery hail
The faithful men and women who dispatch the royal mail.

The trenches will be won by men that training has made fit,
And the messages of cheer from home will surely "do their bit"
To keep a man in fighting trim; and when we've licked the Hun,
Should have an equal chance to share in glory that is won.

The soldier's life in camp is shaped by bugle calls galore —
"Reveille," "Fall In," "Lights Out" and the good old "Cookhouse Door,"
And the eyes of brave men brighten as the call sounds clear and true,
"There's mail from loving Lucy, boys, there's mail from loving Lou."

Respectfully dedicated to the men and women who handle the royal mail.
F. Y.

STILL FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM

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HARRY K. THAW as he looks today (wearing hat), while making his ninth attempt to be released from the asylum; and (inset) as he looked at the time he murdered Stanford White. It will be seen that he has aged greatly, and has lost much of his dapper and debonnaire appearance.

SUCCESSFUL OFFICERS

List of Subalterns Who Have Qualified for Higher Rank.

The following officers of the Provisional Officers' Training School have been successful in passing the recent military examinations held at headquarters building at Wolseley Barracks. All the men are from various parts of Western Ontario. The following tried and were successful in the examination for captains; previously they held rank of lieutenants:

Bradley, Herman J.
Blakely, A. M.
Catell, R. P.
Cunningham, Edwin D.
Dixon, James H.
Dignan, James H.
Donald, Alex. G.
Drake, Elmer.
Deacon, A. W.
Grant, John C.
Hamilton, Lawrence J.
Jupp, George W.
Jennings, Fred C.
Jarvis, Leonard C.
Kauffman, Ed. J.
Kerruish, Herbert B.
Keen, Alfred E.
Kreitzer, W. H. J.
Lawson, Harold J.
Mitchell, Robert O.
Moncrieff, John G.
Murray, Thomas F.
McClelland, James C.
McDonald, Leonard.
Nelles, E. B.
Patterson, Ernest.
Pinkerton, George W.
Ross, James H.
Rowat, Duke W.
Smyter, Arnold.
Somerville, Kenneth J.
Stone, John D.
Taylor, John W.
Townend, John H.
Tobey, Wm. F.
Tucker, Gilbert.
Waterbury, F.
Woonton, Wm. G.
Wilson, Wm. R.

Field Officers.

The following have been successful in the examinations for field officer's rank:

Lieut. R. J. Aitken.
Lieut. F. W. Berlet
Lieut. J. M. McAdams.
Capt. A. Rougvie.
Lieut. C. W. Thompson.
Lieut. W. J. Pratt.

THORNDALE.

THORNDALE, July 4.—Miss I. Stanyer, principal of Bryanston School, has returned home for her vacation.

The Methodist Church has postponed the garden party till Thursday, July 8.

Mrs. A. George of Shaunavon, Sask., has returned to London after spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. J. H. Wheaton.

MEN AT CAMP WANT SERVICE

Are Anxious To Get To Firing Line As Soon As Possible.

MORALE IS EXCELLENT

Good Rifle Scores Being Made and Troops Are in Fine Condition.

The men at camp are anxious to get to the front. They have proved now that they can take long route marches and feel practically no ill effects. They are daily becoming more and more proficient in the various drills, and their shooting at the ranges has caused their officers to express the profoundest satisfaction.

Rifle shooting is interesting to the men. There are some crack shots in the 33rd and 34th Battalions, and those not so proficient practice steadily so that they too may become as proficient. Several of them have made possibles recently at the ranges and, when one does this he feels more elated than he would on getting a stripe. The morale among the men of the two battalions is excellent. There is the best of good feeling apparent, and at all times.

TIPPERARY PARODY

The following "Inniskilling" parody on "Tipperary" which was published in English papers, has been sent in by Pte. H. Russel of the pioneer section of the 34th Battalion with the request that it be published.

Very near to Paris came the Kaiser's men one day,
They were bound for London, and all looked proud and gay,
Singing songs of Piccadilly, Strand and Leicester Square,
Till Tommy got excited, and shouted to them there:

Chorus—
It's a long way to go to London,
Where Willie wants to go;
But he's afraid to come in contact
With a chap named Jellicoe;
He'll not see Piccadilly,
Nor gaze on Leicester Square,
It's a long way to go to London,
And he won't get there.

The Kaiser wrote a letter to Sir John French one day,
Saying, "If you interfere, I'll have to cut my way,
And if I kill the lot of you in doing so," said he.
"Remember that you made me fight—don't lay the blame on me."
Chorus—

Sir John wrote a neat reply to silly Kaiser Bill,
Saying, "Don't be quite so certain—not at least until
You have driven back the Russians, and then they all will see
Me giving you the thrashing that you meant to give to me."
Chorus—

Jointly composed by Lance-Corp. M'Currie and Ptes. M'Quiston and Duffin, all of the Inniskillings, Omagh Hospital, Co. Tyrone.

135 MONTENEGRINS NOW IN CAMP HERE

Await Reinforcements Before Going Back To Native Land.

There are now about 135 Montenegrins at the camp grounds. Their quarters are situated just east of the 34th Battalion camp. They have their own tents and own drill ground, although not their own commissariat. They eat with the 34th men. They are large, splendidly proportioned men and are in charge of Tom Guzina, who is one of the largest in the party. Tom speaks English fluently and stated this morning that he is awaiting the arrival of about 200 men more, when the whole number will go to Quebec and thence to their own country.

WOUNDED AFTER BRAVE WORK

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LIEUT. T. W. ANDERSON, Toronto, an officer of the 3rd Battalion, has been wounded, according to official word from Ottawa. He was a stockbroker before the war. Lieut. Anderson acted with conspicuous bravery on several occasions during the past two months.

ORANGEMEN'S CHURCH PARADE.

ST. THOMAS, July 4. — The Orangemen of this district held their annual church parade to Trinity Church this evening. There was a big turnout from the various lodges, in St. Thomas and outlying districts. A considerable number of London brethren also came down and participated in the parade. Rev. Joseph Ryerson preached the sermon.

BIG FIELD DAY FOR 34TH MEN

Hike To St. Thomas Is Scheduled For Friday Next.

PERFORMANCE AT NIGHT

An Assault-At-Arms Will Be Staged By Battalion Members.

The members of the 34th Battalion at 3 o'clock in the morning of Friday next will start out for St. Thomas with full equipment, including camp kitchens and everything else a battalion would carry with it if in actual warfare. On Friday the men will put on a field day in conjunction with the London and St. Thomas baseball teams. At night an assault of arms will be held.

They will leave St. Thomas at 3 o'clock Saturday morning, and expect to arrive in London about two hours before noon.

The men, when they leave London, will carry a lunch in their haversacks, and at the first stop will eat. The kitchens will be cooking on the way, and a good hot mug of tea or coffee and an as equally hot cup of soup won't taste badly with the cold lunch. When St. Thomas has been reached a full dinner will be ready in the soup kitchens, and the men will be prepared to go to Pinafore Park and take part in the day's program.

Assault-at-Arms.

The assault-at-arms will be held in the evening. There will be boxing, wrestling, actual bayonet fighting, with the men well padded, of course; fencing, various kinds of physical drill, such as clubswinging, etc. Sergt. Potts will have charge of the clubswinging, and with a squad will perform some stunts that are unique in their way to say the least.

Sergt. Potts is one of the finest specimens of physical manhood the 34th can show, if not the finest. When a lad of 14 the doctors told him he could not live. His lungs were said to be affected with tuberculosis, and that it was only a question of a short time when he would be under the sod. But young Potts thought otherwise. He began to study the body and to daily exercise it. Today he has a physique few men in the Dominion can show, and he looks about as much like a consumptive as a young colt. He swings the clubs, axes, a lighted torch and swords, and does the solo work while the remaining members of his squad go through the regular motions. Some circus stunts will also be given, and three of the 34th boys have all the costumes and cosmetics, etc., ready to put on to do their turns.

Special trains will be run from London, Chatham and Woodstock.

GOSSIP OF THE CAMP

Mounts to the number of 250 were shipped from the camp this morning to Quebec, and from there will sail for England. The horses came from the remount depot, and have been pretty well broken to military life. They are all good specimens of horse flesh.

Lieut. H. K. Black of the 29th Battery, C. E. F., reported for duty this morning. He is the last of the officers to come in, so now the battery is at its full complement. Lieut. Black is from Guelph.

The details of the 7th Overseas Regiment, C. M. R., remaining at Queen's Park are taken on the strength of the camp. They went into their quarters at the Heights this morning and will police the camp and otherwise attend to detail work.

Lieut. F. W. Hanning, A. M. C., has been taken on the strength of the reinforcements of No. 3 Stationary Hospital.

The standing medical board at the camp has been reconstituted as follows: President, Major J. H. Ratz, 34th Battalion; members, Major A. V. Becher, M. O., 33rd Battalion, and Lieut. F. K. Bowen, M. O., 29th Battery, C. E. F.

Major C. H. Reason, 1st Hussars (late 7th Overseas Regiment, C. M. R.), is detailed to assist the sanitary officer in camp at Carling's Heights.

The following have been granted leave of absence—Lieut. V. P. Cronyn, Capts. W. W. Muir and Cowell, and Major H. T. Rance, all of the 33rd Battalion.

Tom Massie, 33rd barber, has been more or less under the weather for the past two weeks. He has been suffering severely from neuralgic pains superinduced from trouble with his upper teeth. The dentist who has had his case has found it necessary to perform several operations of a minor nature, which, however, caused Tom several minutes of excruciating agony. He is said to have borne the pain in a truly Spartan manner, and since several plates have been installed in his mouth is rapidly on the road to recovery. It is rumored about the camp that this gallant member of the 33rd is soon to take unto himself a better half. Nothing definite as to this is known as yet, and Tom refuses to speak for publication. His friends are hoping it is true, and if so promise him the best charivari any benedict ever had the misfortune to experience.

The rain last night had little effect on the camp grounds. The heavens did empty themselves in a terrific downpour, but the tents stood up well against the wind, and little moisture, if any, came into the quarters. The men did not mind the rain. They are so accustomed to being under canvas and in any kind of weather that a heavy rain has no more effect than a sun shower.

EMBRO WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.

EMBRO, July 4.—Owing to Thursday being a holiday, the Women's Institute did not meet last week. The regular meeting will be held on Thursday, July 8, at the home of Mrs. James Brand, when it is expected that Miss Mabel Munro will give a paper.

Charles Nobes of Hickson spent the holiday with friends here.

SPURT COSTS HIM $50.

GUELPH, July 4.—Magistrate Watt at Saturday's police court set a new mark for fining speeding auto drivers when he assessed William Tanner of this city $50 and costs for exceeding the speed limit on Woolwich street.

CROWD CATHEDRAL TO HONOR SLAIN SOLDIER

Memorial Service for Col. Becher Draws Thousands—Band Plays Dead March—Pew Where Fallen Officer Worshipped Is Decked With Flowers.

London citizens and soldiers in thousands filled St. Paul's Cathedral to its utmost capacity Sunday morning to attend the memorial services for the late Lieut.-Col. Campbell Becher, who lost his life in the fighting around Festubert recently. Although the big edifice was packed and hundreds stood in the aisles and vestibules, many hundreds of others had to go home, being unable to gain admission to the church at all. The officers and men of the 7th Regiment marched to the cathedral in a body and occupied places adjoining the pew where their dead commander had worshipped since childhood. Beautiful floral wreaths marked his seat. While the clergy and choir were entering the church the 7th Regiment Band, led by Bandmaster Slatter, played a funeral march, the congregation standing.

An Impressive Service.

The service, which was a most impressive one, was a duplicate of that conducted in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, Eng., recently by the Lord Bishop of London as a memorial for the Canadians who have fallen in service for the Empire. It consisted of special prayers and hymns, into all of which the congregation took part earnestly, and following a sermon by Canon Tucker the 7th Regiment Band played the "Dead March in Saul" and then a bugler sounded "The Last Post." During the offertory the choir rendered most beautifully "Crossing the Bar."

Canon Tucker chose as his text: "The Cup Which My Father Hath Given Me Shall I Not Drink It?" He pointed out that the British from the earliest times have been ready to fight for truth, liberty and justice. Courage and suffering, he said, had often been necessary, but Britons had never flinched. Only in recent years had Canadians figured in the fighting for the Empire, but in South Africa and in the present war they had made a record for themselves which will live forever in the annals of the Dominion and of the Empire.

Mourn for All Dead Heroes.

"While this service," he said, "is a memorial for Lieut.-Col. Becher because he worshipped in this cathedral from his earliest years and was commander of the 7th Regiment and the only London officer lost in the fighting in France, we grieve sincerely for all those who have given their lives. From all over Western Ontario and the Dominion men answered the call when Britain stepped in to save outraged Belgium. All are heroes. The Canadians held their trenches under what seemed impossible conditions. When last seen Lieut.-Col. Becher was on the parapet of a German trench cheering his men onwards, when a bomb suddenly burst. He and thousands of others died with their face to the foe for the cause of liberty, truth and justice. What a picture for the poet and artist of the future."

Canon Tucker showed that all are engaged in a fight. Christ gave his life as an atonement for the sin of the world, and the soldiers have given their lives in order that his ideals might prevail over those of the brute from the abyss which started the war and stopped at nothing in his lust for power.

Nibbling Toward the Heart of the Biscuit

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(Note.—General Joffre, in his official bulletin, makes frequent use of the word "nibbling" to describe advances into the territory held by the enemy.)

TIMOROUS FEARED GERMAN "RAID"

Threatened Invasion of London Failed To Materialize, However.

PRECAUTIONS TAKEN

Extra Guards Put On and Ball Cartridges Issued At Camp.

Londoners, some of them, were rather timorous last night after having read the various stories that have been written about a contemplated raid of Germans from the United States which an anonymous letter to Col. Shannon some time ago stated would take place on the evening of July 4. At the time the commandant of the camp here made the remark that the writer had evidently allowed his imagination to run riot, and that there was little likelihood of any attempt against the lives and property of Canadians being made. There were many citizens, however, who spent a restless night, for the dynamiting of the Peabody plant in Walkerville and the attempted blowing up of the armories at Windsor rendered them nervous. The thought was in their minds that a like attempt or attempts MIGHT be tried here, and when daylight came and no explosion had aroused them, neither the sound of rifle shots nor the spit of machine gun bullets, they heaved sighs of relief, and truly did slumber peacefully until rather later than usual this morning.

The military authorities here had not failed to take the precautions necessary to meet a raid, if such there had been. Ball cartridges were issued to the guards last night, and more than the usual number paraded about the camp last night. The armories were well guarded, too, and other buildings in the city that might have proved a point of attack were protected.

All transients passing through the city in motor cars came in for the closest scrutiny, but they were all apparently just American holiday-makers en route for some Canadian point over July 4 and 5.

CALL ISSUED FOR MILITARY POLICE FOR THIS DISTRICT

[Special to The Advertiser.]

ST. THOMAS, July 4.—Lieut.-Col. Green, O. C., the 25th Regiment, has received notice from divisional headquarters that 150 men of the Canadian active militia are required for guard, military police and general fatigue duty in this divisional area.

They must be men of good character, and in all probability will be required until peace is declared. The pay will be at the active service rate of $1.10 a day.

Recruiting for this service will commence at once. It is presumed the men are wanted to police the borders and important railway centres.

ROUTE MARCH TONIGHT

Both Battalions Will Participate in Manoeuvre.

There will be a route march tonight of the two battalions under command of Lieut.-Col. Oliver of the 34th Battalion. They will leave the camp grounds at 7:30 o'clock, and will go to the corner of Oxford and Adelaide streets, thence north to the 4th concession, west to the Pipe Line road, south to Oxford street and east to camp again. The troops will go out with advance and rear guards, in accordance with the rules laid down for day and night marches.

PLACE FOR TRUMPETERS

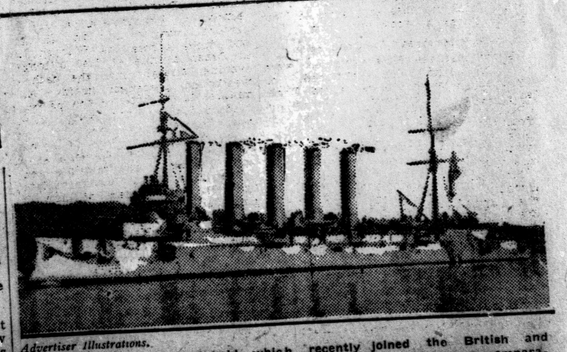
Two Can Be Taken on Strength of 29th Battery.

The 29th Battery C. E. F. wants two good trumpeters, as well as two or three other first-class men. They must be of the highest type physically and mentally, for the 29th is now at such a high standard as regards the fitness of the men who compose it that only men of the perfect kind are now required. Those wishing to join should inquire at the recruiting station at the camp.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

Montreal, July 5.—Arrived: Cloughton, from London; Cluthia, from Grenoch; Helvedale, from Boston; Custodian, from Newport; Statesman, from Havre; Metagama, from Liverpool.

Russian Vessel Helping Against the Turks



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The Russian cruiser Askold, which recently joined the British and French naval forces off the Dardanelles. The Askold, which is a comparatively small vessel of 6,000 tons, has no less than five funnels.

Outbursts of Everett True—By Condo

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