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New British Army of 1,100,000 In France; Allies Are Reported Ready For Great Drive

New York, April 12—A British army of 1,100,000 strong has been transported to France during the last six weeks, according to E. Thompson Seton, a well-known Canadian author and naturalist, here from England. They were shipped at Southampton and Portsmouth and landed in Havre and Bordeaux. One-half of this army is already at the front.

"The great drive planned by the allies for May," he said, "is all prepared and may be launched before that date."

BRITISH GIANT OF 40 KNOTS SPEED

Story of English Battleship of Amazing Proportions to be Most Powerful War Vessel Afloat

New York, April 12—According to a report from London received by the Tribune, England has laid down a new battleship of amazing proportions, which will be by far the most powerful craft afloat. It will mark a change in battleship construction, exceeding that which came when the first dreadnaught was built.

It will necessitate the adoption of new methods in battleship construction by all nations, and will halt the construction programme of the United States. It is impossible, in view of the absolute secrecy surrounding all British naval construction, to verify absolutely the facts about this new sea monster, but the Tribune's information comes from a trustworthy source. It is said that this great new ship will be 300 feet in length, will carry six 15-inch guns, and have the wonderful speed of forty knots.

At present, the Queen Elizabeth, now at the Dardanelles, stands as the most powerful engine of war afloat. She is, however, only 650 feet in length, but carries eight 15-inch guns. She is oil driven, as the new ship will be. In the craft now planned, armament is sacrificed for increased speed. The increased length gives the great boiler and engine room capacity needed to produce such speed.

KITCHENER'S CALL WELCOMED BY MEN IN TRAINING HERE

The announcement from Ottawa that Lord Kitchener was about ready to receive more of the overseas volunteers aroused keen interest among all readers, but was received with special cheer by all the lads in uniform training in St. John. They have been pining to get away.

Recruiting. It is expected that renewed activity will be apparent in the work of recruiting for the 5th, following Lord Kitchener's request for more men. Advice to the headquarters of the unit here show that the number is steadily approaching 700. It is not known how many have been enrolled in Prince Edward Island, nor what the total is at certain points in the province. Dr. Gardner, M. O. with the 20th was at Sussex on Saturday and out of thirty-three recruits examined, he accepted thirty-one as physically fit.

Has Passed Successfully. Lieut. Carter of the Machine Gun Section of the 20th, returned home this morning from Halifax, after having completed a special course in that branch. His friends will be pleased to know that he has qualified.

More Arrivals. About twelve or fifteen more men reached the city today for the Canadian Railway Construction Corps. Others are now on their way here to begin their service with the unit.

Personnel. Lieut.-Col. Kirkpatrick, O. C. the 65th, returned to the city this morning from Woodstock.

Lieut.-Col. Wetmore, of Clifton, O. C. the 4th Regiment, who has been on recruiting work in the city today and said that at the various depots which he had visited many men were offering, and it was noticeable that the type was of the most desired class.

Today's Drill. The weather interfered somewhat in the programme of training for today with the local units. The men had company drill about their barracks.

Local War Notes. Wallace Walling of Chatham received his appointment on the medical corps of the 26th Battalion Thursday morning and came to St. John Friday.

Mrs. Mary Orr, daughter of Lieut.-Col. H. L. Malby, of Newcastle, a recent graduate of Montreal General Hospital, has received word from Ottawa of her appointment as nurse to accompany the Canadian Expeditionary Force to the front.

Capt. J. H. Sproul, who has been on garrison duty at Halifax, has been appointed to the position of adjutant at

Phlegm and Freckles WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—Pressure is low in eastern Canada and over the far northwestern portion of the continent, while a cool wave covers Manitoba and the Upper Lakes. The weather has been fine in the west, and showery from Ontario to the maritime provinces.

Showery. Maritime—Strong winds and moderate gales, southwest to northwest, show.

New England—Generally fair tonight and Tuesday; cold; strong southwest, shifting to northwest.

Chatham Recruits. Several hundred citizens with a band assembled at Chatham railway station last week to give a send-off to departing recruits for the 6th Mounted Rifles. They were: Murray Anderson, Burnt Church; John A. Babiniau, Richibucto; Harold Innes, Lower Newcastle; Roy T. Gaynor, John Robichaud, John Woods, Daniel Woods, Edward Watson, Ernest Weidner, and Wm. Holt, Chatham. There are eighty-eight men of the 65th at Chatham in training.

A FIGHT IN THE NORTH SEA?

London, April 12—Reports are current here that heavy firing is taking place at sea off Scarborough, indicating that some kind of a naval engagement is in progress.

LONDON PAPER SAYS GERMANSHIP BEATEN. London, April 12—While London newspapers today featured Scandinavian despatches reporting that British and German warships had fought a battle off the Norwegian coast in which the Germans had been defeated, the Admiralty preserved silence. One version said that a large number of German warships had attempted to make their way into the Atlantic to harass British shipping, but had been driven back.

Naval experts declined to accept the reports as true, though their publication was sanctioned by the government censor. They said that if a naval battle had occurred its results would have been made known first to the government.

Another Commercial Raider Likely to Be Interceded by United States. Newport News, Va., April 12—The German converted cruiser Kron Prinz Wilhelm German commerce raider lay at anchor off here today, after a dash through the line of allied warships which have been hovering off the Virginia Capes.

She was being coaled and provisioned today. Although Commander Thierfelder of the Kron Prinz Wilhelm had asked for 800 tons of coal supplies, and provisions for three days, she had less than twenty-five tons of coal, and scanty provisions for the crew of 600 men and sixty-one prisoners from British merchant ships destroyed by her in the South Atlantic.

Captain Thierfelder had been given twenty-four hours to leave port, unless he needed coal, provisions and time to make repairs. He was unable to determine what repairs were needed, and naval officers will make an examination. It is generally believed that the ship will be interceded.

AT THE RANGE. One of the most interesting features of the competitions at the city rifle range last week was a fierce struggle for supremacy among the ladies in the standing shooting class. Early in the week Mrs. R. P. Cowan put on the score of 92 and the other ladies made the most persevering efforts to better the mark.

The score was untouched, however, until Saturday when Miss G. L. Fairweather put on 94.

While the men have been taking as much interest in the shooting they have been betting in their cards to any great extent and the spirit of rivalry has not developed so much as was expected. On this account there is no award for the best score in the standing class, but with Miss Quinn and Miss Richard scoring 87.

Men—Standing, A. Harwood, 91. Boys—L. Peters, 79.

CHAMPLAIN WAS UP THE BELLEISLE. The steamer Champlain arrived down river this afternoon a little after one o'clock, having made a successful trip to Hatfield's Point, Belleisle. When the steamer left Indianton on Saturday, Manager Orchard said they did not expect to be able to get above Batters Wharf, but, as the ice was broken up, they were able to sail up the Belleisle. The steamer brought to the city a good sized cargo of general produce.

The Majestic arrived from Gagetown about 8 o'clock.

Ashburnham House, a boys dormitory, loss about \$75,000.

Paris Hears of Great Raid on England In June By 550 Airships

Paris, April 12—Five hundred and fifty Zeppelins and aeroplanes have been assembled by the Germans for a raid over England, in June, according to information just brought to Paris.

The ministry of foreign affairs today gave out a statement from a Spanish traveller who has returned from Germany, saying that everybody there is predicting the greatest war raid over England in June, in which 150 Zeppelins and 400 aeroplanes, all fitted with aluminum motors, will take part.

Russian Troops Are On Hungarian Soil

Petrograd, April 12—Russian troops are now twenty miles within Hungarian territory and have reached the valley of the Ung River, south of Uskok Pass. It is asserted at the War Office that this rapid advance will render the positions of the Austro-German forces at Uskok Pass untenable.

The general Russian advance into Hungary through the passes and over the Carpathian crests, will be made over a front of 125 miles. Great masses of troops are being carried to this front over the Galician railroads.

TORTURE BRAVE RUSSIAN. London, April 12—The Petrograd correspondent of the London Morning Post says—

A Russian agent was caught on March 29, on German territory north of Moscow, and taken to German headquarters. Here ten German officers held a whole hour torturing the man to extract information about Russian troops. He resolutely declined to betray his country. When the officers tired of torturing him, he was placed under guard as a prisoner of war, but continued to get away and returned to his own lines. He was rewarded with the cross of St. George of the first class, and a gift of money for loyalty to his soldier's oath.

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CANADIANS AGAIN ARE IN THE TRENCHES, DOING FULL SHARE

Toronto, April 12—A Mail and Empire London special says—After their two weeks rest, the Canadians marched back to the trenches, and are now doing their full share of the fighting. Snipers are the chief annoyance. An officer just back says they have steel protected loopholes that automatically close immediately a shot is fired. Their rifles are also equipped with telescopic sights.

Colonel Romer is now on the headquarters staff in place of Colonel Head. It is semi-officially stated here that all the Canadian officers get a few days leave in turn.

Fifty lacrosse sticks have been sent to the front and the Canadians are organizing teams.

Snipers Chief Source of Annoyance—Germans Do Not Relish Combat With Dominion Sons—Lacrosse For Recreation.

Nearly every night the Canadians hear the steady tramp of moving troops. Machine guns are turned on them with one effect. Several times Canadian patrols have clashed with the Germans at night in the open. Individual snipers have resulted, only bayonets and clubbed rifles being used, because the shooting would draw the fire from both trenches. There are few of these fights, because the German patrols usually run from the Canadians.

Must Hold Woivre, Orders Kaiser; Fighting Now Where Gravelotte Was Won and Lost. Paris, April 12—"Hold the lines in Woivre district at all cost," is the order which Emperor William is reported to have sent to field headquarters on the German left wing. German reporters declare that the German officers commanding their forces on the Woivre plain have pledged themselves to die before they will retreat.

The great battle of the Woivre is being fought out upon the edge of the battlefield of Gravelotte, where the deciding engagement of the Franco-Prussian war in 1870 took place. The same strategic roadways which are being fought for now, and the same summits, for which the troops are contesting, were then the objects of the opposing armies' efforts. Although the French have lost heavily, the gains attained, especially at Epargues, have more than compensated for the severe casualties.

French military men regard the Germans attacks against the Belgians in West Flanders, and against the French near Albert, as diversions. A steady bombardment is being kept up by the Germans against the British front between Labasse and Ypres, and intermittent artillery duels have occurred on the Aisne, west of Rheims, and in the Champagne region.

A WORD FOR THE SOLDIERS. C. A. S. C., No. 5 Overseas Co., St. John, N. B., April 12, 1915.

Dear Sir—On the eve of our departure overseas, I thought it would not be amiss to state a few facts concerning the troops who have wintered in your city. In view of the fact that at least one pupil, with many citizens, have departed us, I think that it would be only fair for some of us to give a few facts in regard to the composition of the rank and file of those in uniform. There is said to be a black sheep in every home, but this does not mean that all of the family are low-down and mean. During the last four months I have become acquainted with men working as privates who have given up positions of high trust to join us. If you will permit me, I mention some of the many in our ranks who are going forth at the call of duty, whom any land would be proud to own. Among us doing all of the drudgery of a private, and doing it cheerfully, is one who gave up a position as chief engineer on one of Canada's largest yachts, having a twelve hundred dollar salary with everything found. We have a number of commercial men with salaries ranging around the two thousand dollar mark; we have men who were formerly foremen on the I. C. R.; we have the best line men from this city; we have several war veterans with their badges to prove their services to their country already rendered; we have automobile experts, one of whom left a fine position in the states to join us; we have many college men representing our best universities; we have farmers who have left splendid properties; we have railway office men and telegraph operators by the score; we have trained men in almost all branches of the mechanical world—all patiently trying to learn the art of war, not so much for the sake of learning, but in order to be ready when the call comes to strike a blow for the empire of which they form a part. Even the bad ones are not so bad—at least they have pluck enough to don the uniform to fight for their country, which, perhaps a lot of fellows who talk about us are afraid to do.

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SPECIAL POLICEMAN SAYS HE BOUGHT BOTTLE OF LIQUOR FROM FOSTER. Evidence was taken in the police court this morning against Roy Foster and Archie Green, who were taken into custody on Saturday on a charge of pocket peddling of liquor. Special policeman Wilfred W. Jones told of meeting Foster in a hotel on April 3, and accompanying him to North street, where he purchased a bottle of whiskey from him. He produced the liquor in court. The case was set aside until this afternoon. While Foster was endeavoring to get Green out on bail he himself was arrested on a warrant. Green was charged with selling liquor and having it for sale without a license. Green was only one charge will be pressed against him, namely, that of selling it. Foster is charged with selling liquor on two occasions, Saturday, April 3, and Sunday, April 4. Edmund J. Ritchie appeared for the defendants.

TWO KILLED IN STRIKE RIOTS. Newark, N. J., April 12—Two strikers were shot to death and two other men, believed to be strike breakers, and a bystander, were dangerously wounded yesterday in a street fight in the foreign section after an attempt by strikers to intercept alleged strike breakers on their way to the fur dyeing works of A. Hollander & Sons, where a strike is in progress.

BROTHER OF POPE REPORTED DEAD. London, April 12—The Marquis Jules Della Chiesa, a brother of Pope Benedict, is dead, according to Reuter's Genoa correspondent.

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