

Sir John French Lauds Princess Pats For Dashing Defeat of German Force

Two London Volunteers Injured At Battle Front In France Allies Penetrate Narrows of the Dardanelles

TRENCH BETTER THAN SALISBURY PLAIN ASSERTS FIRST CANADIAN INTERVIEWED

Fred Rodgman, of Toronto, and Corporal Hunnford, of Kingston, Tell of Early Days of Fighting Line—No Grumbling Among Troops and Commissariat Arrangements Are Splendid—Fighters Get Little News.

(Special Cable to The Advertiser.)

London, March 2.—Amongst wounded Canadians now at Shorncliffe is Fred Rodgman, 2nd Battalion, First Brigade, who came in yesterday with six others. His home is on Dresden street, Toronto. He is recovering from an operation conducted after his arrival in France.

Despite his illness and the distractions consequent upon living mostly underground in Northern France, Pte. Rodgman contrived to keep a diary of daily events. The diary has been kept faithfully since page one, January 1. It describes the long journeys, the trains and troopships, the marchings from places one does not know names of to other destinations, of which one has not the least idea. Such is the record until February 15 is reached.

Entry Into Trenches.

Then there are details of how the 2nd Battalion, Toronto Regiment, moved into the trenches for the first time.

"The entry for the 18th is: 'Left base at 5 o'clock at night. Did my first sniping from 8.30 to 9.30.'"

Entry for 19th: "Still entrenched. Sniped at Germans all day, although impossible to see them. Arrived 'home' went to bed."

Home, it must be understood was a trench almost unbroken to bits by artillery fire. The entry for the 20th is: "The 2nd Battalion did a route march and rested afterwards, then went to trenches, had to fetch water, very risky work."

Taken to Hospital.

For other days the diary entries are the records of ordinary work at the base, and then Rodgman comes to tell how he was moved to hospital and eventually found himself under the care of his excellent compatriots at Shorncliffe.

Corporal Hunnford, of Kingston, whose parents live in Toronto, is one of the 2nd Battalion now in Shorncliffe. He is suffering from two wounds in his leg, one of which is a serious one.

"We of the 2nd Battalion had a small dose on the 20th," he said, "and stuck it throughout that day until the following night."

Better Than Salisbury.

"One only knows what is going on just around about him. I was the only man I know of who was hit in my leg on the 20th. I got away without difficulty, and was taken straight away to the base hospital. Then came Saturday. When I left, the battalion was ordered to march to the front."

"It was a jolly sight better than anything we had in Salisbury. There was a lot of better than having blankets freezing on to you, or being soaked in wet."

Fell Into Hole.

"The 2nd Battalion, who joined at Windsor, but who belongs to Toronto, is suffering from painful internal complaint contracted while on his way to the front. We were advancing to take our turn in the trenches on the 17th," he said, "proceeding in half companies, 250 of its altogether 400 men, accompanied by a couple of battalions of British troops. It was quite dark, and as I was moving forward I suddenly fell down one of the big holes made by the Germans."

Splendid Arrangements.

"All Canadians at Shorncliffe are full of acknowledgments of the efficient manner in which the treatment of the wounded is carried out in France. There is not the least grumbling among any section of the forces. One thing that strikes Canadians particularly is the very small amount of information there is available as to what is going on except in the nearest vicinity."

It is understood the Canadian artillery has not yet been actually under fire, although the army service corps is already hard at work.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 52; lowest, 32.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 51; lowest, 32.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLD.

Toronto, March 2.—A strong wind from the west, with a few showers of rain, but generally fair and becoming cold.

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Pressure is low over the eastern part of the continent, and in the Pacific, while a rather pronounced cold wave covers Manitoba.

IN THE TRENCHES

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—Extracts from special stories of Canadians on Advertiser cable.

LONDONER HAS "PEACH OF GIRL" AT THE FRONT

Private Davis Writes Home To Parents From Point in France.

WANTS SOME OF MA'S PIE

Had Piece That Tasted Like Mother's, But Would Prefer Hers.

The following letter has been received from Wm. Davis, 253 Eglinton street, by his father, Private Davis, who is now in France. The letter is from that country, and although the name of headquarters is not given, the letter states that the man is in the fighting zone. Davis is with a cycle corps.

The letter reads:

Dear Mother, Father, Sister and Brother:

Just a few lines to let you know that I am well, and I hope you are the same. We have moved to a new place, but we are not allowed to tell you where we are. Don't worry about me. Am O. K., and have had some hard rides. All letters home are opened by the department, so I can't tell much now, but when we get home again will have some story to tell you.

We have had a hard time getting on to the French money. It all runs in francs and centimes and so on. I have been receiving all your mail and papers. The Canadian papers go good here, for we can't get a paper published in this part of the front.

We are all billeted out in houses and get the best of everything. Tell mother I had some pie just like the kind she used to make, but I would rather have some of ma's pie.

I have a peach of a French girl here. We got a girl some-where now—has gone back on me. I wrote to her and she never answered it, so I told her that she needn't write unless she liked, so I guess that will get her, all right.

Well, I haven't got any more news this time. I remain, your loving son, WM. DAVIS.

POLICE SAY BOMB THROWERS PLANNED TO HOLD UP N. YORK

(Canadian Press.)

New York, March 2.—An attempt to blow up St. Patrick's Cathedral with a bomb this morning, and the arrest of two men by detectives, who had been informed for months of their activities, was followed by an announcement made at police headquarters that the arrests had balked an anarchist plot to kill Andrew Carnegie, John D. Rockefeller, John D. Rockefeller Jr., and other wealthy men, with bombs. Thereafter the anarchists, according to the police, were to inaugurate in New York a reign of terror, comparable only to the days of the French revolution.

Blow Up Banks.

It was part of the plot, the police assert, for gangs of men armed with rifles and revolvers to appear simultaneously in various parts of the city to shoot and to pillage; the biggest banks of New York City were to be blown up with bombs and many wealthy men were to be slain.

The wrecking of the cathedral was to be the signal for carrying out the elaborate programme of murder and looting, the police assert.

Slay Capitalists.

The next move, according to the police, was to place bombs in the homes of Andrew Carnegie, the Rockefellers and Cornelius Vanderbilt. So far had the plot progressed, according to the police, toward this end, that the manufacture of the bombs had already been started.

With these and other capitalists disposed of, the anarchists planned, according to the police, to hold up the city.

DETECTIVE DOUBTS MURDER VERDICT

Dr. C. K. Robinson's Trial Draws Hundreds of People To Napanee.

ACCUSED SHOWS CHANGE

The Strain of Six Months in Prison Has Had Its Effect.

(Canadian Press.)

Napanee, March 2.—Surprises are promised in the trial of Dr. C. K. Robinson for the murder of Blanche York, of Toronto, on July 8 last, which opens here today.

"I think I know what they are going to attempt," Inspector Greer stated today, with regard to the plans of the defence, "but I don't know whether they are going to succeed."

He expressed a doubt, however, as to whether the accused would be found guilty of murder.

Showing Signs of Strain.

Visitors are not now permitted to see the doctor. Since his confinement, in fact, he has had few callers other than his wife and boy, who have come to see him frequently. He spends much of his time with the few magazines and newspapers which pass to him through the prison bars, but the strain of six months imprisonment, with the prospect of trial for his life, has begun to show. His attendants have seen a marked change since September last, when he surrendered himself to the police.

Crowds Gather.

Inspector Greer, of the provincial police, arrived in town yesterday noon, and has been engaged with the crown authorities here since then. T. C. Robinson, defence counsel, arrived from Toronto last night, and a hurried visit to his client before the opening of court at 2 o'clock.

The trial is the sole topic of casual conversation around Napanee today. Hundreds of visitors from the district between here and Toronto are in town with various excuses for their presence, but all for the main purpose of attending the trial. Not since the Ponton case has the local courthouse proved so strong a magnet.

CITY BRIDGES INSPECTED.—City Engineer H. A. Brazier inspected all of the city bridges today, preparatory to making a report on their condition for the year. As all estimates have to be in by March 15, the city engineer is getting his outside figures and estimates in.

ing to the police, to invade the financial district and lay their hands on the city's biggest banks. Thereafter, the police assert, the general program of looting was to be inaugurated.

Detectives With Him.

For months a central office detective had been in the inner circles of the anarchists, according to the police, and had kept the detective bureau advised of all their plans and of every move made by the alleged conspirators. This detective, Frank Baldo, assisted in the manufacture of the bombs with which the attempt was made today to blow up the cathedral. The detective accompanied the bomb throwers to the cathedral, and sat with him while he lighted the bomb and hurled it at the altar.

Over in a Hurry.

Immediately the cathedral, in which 500 persons sat at worship, became alive with detectives, whose presence had been unsuspected by the bomb carrier, Baldo, sitting beside him, placed him under arrest, detectives hitting in the back behind dashed into the aisle and stamped out the sputtering fuse. The congregation hardly realized what had happened when it was all over, and there was no panic. At police headquarters the alleged bomb thrower said he was Frank Abarno, a 19-year-old boy, and charged him with complicity in the plot and with assisting to make the bomb.

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CANADIANS DRIVE ENEMY FROM POSITION KILLING ELEVEN, AND BLOW UP TRENCH

CANADIAN CASUALTIES

RECEIVED THIS AFTERNOON.

(Canadian Press.)

Ottawa, March 2.—The following casualties in the Canadian expeditionary force are announced today:

Wounded—No. 16723—Pte. Fred Wright, 7th Battalion, gunshot wound. Next of kin, Mrs. Nelson, 883 Prior street, Vancouver, B. C.

Death—March 2.—No. 22569, Sergt. Alfred Thomas Underhill, 12th Battalion, at Tidworth, from appendicitis. Next of kin, George Underhill, St. John's road, Hyde, Isle of Wight, England.

RECEIVED LAST NIGHT.

Ottawa, Mar. 1.—The following casualties among the members of the Canadian expeditionary force were announced by the Militia Department tonight:

FIRST BATTALION.

Killed in action—Feb. 20.—Bugler Edward Callan, Next of kin, Fred Callan, (brother), Preston, Ont.

Severely wounded—Private W. J. Broughton, wounded in scalp. Next of kin, Mrs. Elinor Broughton, (relationship not known), Catwick, Eng.

Slightly wounded—Private E. Chapman, (relationship not known), Ailsa Craig, Ont.

SECOND BATTALION.

Slightly wounded—Lance Corporal J. H. Hannaford, thigh. Next of kin, P. M. Hannaford, (father), Westmount, Que.

Sergt. Henry Hamilton, in leg. Next of kin, H. C. Hamilton, (father), Saint Ste. Marie, Ont.

Private John Davis, in foot. Next of kin, Mrs. J. Davis, (relationship not known), Renfrew, Ont.

THIRD BATTALION.

Severely wounded—Sergt. Victor Holland, in shoulder. Next of kin, Mrs. G. Holland, (relationship not known), 73 Gravelly Hill, North Birmingham, Eng.

Slightly wounded—Bugler William Henry Sanders, Next of kin, Rita Martha Sanders, (relationship not known), 141 Manning avenue, Toronto.

SEVENTH BATTALION.

Killed in action—Feb. 26.—Lieut. Herbert Beaumont Boggs. Next of kin, Beaumont Boggs, (father), 620 Fort street, Victoria, B.C.

Probably the first man from London to go into the trenches at the front, and the first Londoner to be wounded in the war, is Gilbert Golder, of 29 Front street. He was formerly a street railway conductor.

A postcard was received in the city today from Golder, saying that he is well, and presumably back at the front. Golder was invalided to the hospital base of his battalion when he was seriously wounded, according to the regulation army postcard which he sent to London.

Golder left London when the first call for reserves was made shortly before the departure of the first Canadian contingent.

Sergt. Clark Injured.

W. Marchington, writing to the Toronto Globe, states that a sergeant by the name of Clark, from this city, is confined in the All-Canadian Hospital at Le Touquet.

In the official statement Clark's occupation is given as a cook in the Windsor Hotel here.

P. J. McAvoy, proprietor of the Windsor Hotel, stated to The Advertiser today that while Clark was never employed at his hotel, he remembers that he stayed there for a few days prior to enlisting in the first contingent, with which body he left for overseas service.

"And that, I know nothing of the man, other than to where he came from and what his relatives are," said the hotel owner.

Carries Messages In War Zone

(Canadian Press.)

London, March 2.—Operations of the French and British fleets against the Turkish fortifications on the Dardanelles, which during the past week had taken the warships of the Allies some fifteen miles through this well-defended and narrow waterway, are at a standstill today on account of a gale of wind, accompanied by a heavy mist, which hinders the efficient marksmanship of the naval gunners necessary to reduce the second line of forts concealed by the hills. This mist is likely to prove of benefit to the Turks, but the Allies, realizing the necessity of pushing any offensive with energy, will resume the attack as soon as possible, and set with him while he lighted the bomb and hurled it at the altar.

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Commander of British Forces Says Patricia Did the Trick "With Great Dash"—Losses Trifling After Thrilling Charge Which Drove Off Teutons

(Canadian Press.)

London, March 2.—3:55 p.m.—The following report from the headquarters of Sir John French, commander of the British forces in the field, was given out today from the official information bureau:

"The enemy's activities in the neighborhood of Ypres, reported in the last communiques, have been checked. During the last three nights patrols which have been active in front of our trenches have found that the enemy has not ventured to leave his lines."

PRAISE FOR PRINCESS PATS.

"Early this morning—March 1—an attack, preceded by a heavy bombardment, made on a portion of our line, was successfully repulsed. On our left a party of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, captured a German trench with great dash. After killing eleven of the occupants and driving off the remainder, they succeeded in blowing up the trench. Our losses were trifling."

OBTAIN COMPLETE MASTERY.

"On our right, near La Bassée, we gained steadily by skillful trench work, and in this zone we obtained complete mastery over the enemy's snipers and in consequence our casualties were greatly reduced."

"On several positions along our front our artillery forced the enemy's batteries to change position and increased the ascendancy over the opposing guns which has been observable for some time past."

Discharged Soldier Robbed in East End

Thomas Allison Knocked On Head and Roll of Bills Taken—"Badger Game" Played To a Nicety.

Thomas Allison, who enlisted at Windsor with the 3rd Battalion as a private, and who secured his discharge Monday to join the Aviation Corps in Great Britain, ran into a hold-up in the East End about midnight, and was picked up early this morning by the watchman on George White & Sons' foundry lying on the ground.

According to the story told to an Advertiser reporter, Allison had \$43 on him when he was robbed, while the police he stated that his roll amounted to but \$19. Thomas lays the blame for the whole matter on a woman, who, as he says, he "picked up" on the street. She invited him out to her home in the East End, and when they were on a quiet street (Allison did not know where), "Badger and I, I know nothing of the man, other than to where he came from and what his relatives are," said the hotel owner.

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