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Comparative Quiet Reigns in Front Line and the Boys Were Never Surrounded at the Front by Better Conditions—Trenches Good, and the Old Hun Dugouts Well Ventilated, Boarded and Dry

By Walter A. Willison, Canadian Press Correspondent in Flanders. Canadian Army Headquarters, Jan. 3.—The New Year has found the Canadians back in the old familiar positions before Lens. Indeed they have been here ever since the Passchendaele battles, but it is only now that the censor permits mention of their location.

Canada in France has never welcomed the new year in better spirits or under better conditions. While a bit of wind and many degrees of frost have made the days and nights bitterly cold officers and men call this area home after years of great battles at Vimy, Hill 70, Lens and Passchendaele.

Comparative quiet continues in the front line. The trenches are good, particularly where we are occupying old enemy lines and enjoying the deep dugouts. They are well ventilated, boarded and dry. It is so with his deeper dwellings, while in what were once villages further behind the line the officers and men find some degree of shelter, warmth, and comfort.

Winter Hardships
I do not mean to minimize the hardships of winter campaign, forwardships are inseparable for war, but the conditions are immeasurably better than they were on the same last year or in the silent six weeks ago. The health of all ranks is reported good. The physique and training of the reinforcements has given much satisfaction. The Canadian corps, which since its formation has never been out of the front line, remains there still but it is having comparative rest. As on Christmas day officers and men celebrated the event with becoming festivities. Dinners, mov-

FIRE EARLY THIS MORNING

An alarm from Box 25 called the firemen out at four o'clock this morning for a fire in the basement of the residence of F. E. Williams, Germain street.

RUSSIANS MAKE NEW PROPOSALS

London, Jan. 3.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Petrograd dated Wednesday, says: "The Russians now have made counter proposals to the Teutonic allies which are under consideration and will be discussed at the next meeting of the peace delegates at West-Litovsk Saturday."

SWISS FIRE ON A GERMAN STEAMER

Geneva, Jan. 3.—Swiss troops on the shores of Lake Constance yesterday fired upon the new German lake steamer Kaiser Wilhelm which entered Swiss territorial waters. The vessel was pierced in many places by rifle fire and withdrew rapidly. No lives were lost. The incident is regarded as marking Switzerland's determination to protect her neutrality.

Northern New England—Fair Friday preceded by snow in eastern Maine; continued cold; Saturday increasing cloudiness and not quite so cold; profuse snow in Vermont and New Hampshire. North sales Friday.

A DELEGATION FROM RESTIGOUCHE HEARD

Provincial Government Continues Its Sessions—H. A. Powell, K. C., Present.

Fredericton, Jan. 3.—The January meeting of the government which opened last night was continued today. A delegation from Restigouche county, with regard to the disposal of certain lands was given a hearing by Hon. W. L. Murphy, P. P. A. T. Lobbac, M. P. T., and the Town Clerk of Dalhousie were in the delegation. H. A. Powell, K. C., of St. John, also is here in connection with business with the government. The appointment of the patriotic fund assessment among the various municipalities is one of the subjects before the government. Departmental conferences for the purpose of planning work for 1918 have been held or are being held this week. The conference of the chief superintendent of Education with the school officers and other officers of the department was held yesterday. The officers of the department of agriculture conferred with Hon. J. F. Tardif, the minister, and W. R. Cook, his deputy. The subjects discussed by the government included the holding of a winter campaign for co-operative marketing on a local basis; the establishment of the boys' pig and poultry clubs for every county; school farm station, enrollment and agricultural societies.

QUEBEC OBEYS MILITIA LAW

Everything Proceeds Smoothly and No Trouble Expected.

Quebec, Jan. 3.—Everything passed quietly here today with regard to the enforcement of the Military Service Act. All eligible men who had elected to serve had already reported for duty some of them coming in as late as last week. No trouble is expected by the authorities here who are determined to employ the institutional means to enforce the law.

SHOULD LISTEN TO AN HONEST PEACE

Gov. McCall of Massachusetts Thinks That While Concentrating Resources to Win War Country Should Not Ignore Sincere Offer.

Boston, Jan. 3.—Governor Samuel W. McCall in his address to the legislature today upon his inauguration for a third time, said that the United States must concentrate all its resources to win the war, but that this country ought not to refuse to give attention to any honest proposal for peace.

\$350,000 FIRE

Niagara Falls, N.Y., Jan. 3.—The International Hotel, one of the landmarks of Niagara Falls, was destroyed by fire today and the International Theatre an adjoining building, was badly damaged. The damage is estimated at \$350,000, covered by insurance.

WAS EXCHANGED.

James Armstrong, son of St. John, has received the glad news that his son, Sergeant Major Roy Armstrong, has been 15 months a prisoner in Germany, has been exchanged and was in Switzerland.

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To Cure a Cold in One Day. TAKE LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box, 50c.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

The monthly meeting of the local Board of Health, which was postponed from Tuesday, will be held this afternoon in the Board of Health rooms on Princess street.

MARRIED.

FOSTER-HALL—At Trinity church, San Jose, California, U. S. A., on December 29, 1917, by the Rev. E. MacNally, Edward Harry Foster, to Ethelwyn Lilian, youngest daughter of the late Stephen S. Hall.

DIED.

BRUNDAGE—At Greenfield, on December 30, Thos. C. Brundage, aged 69 years, leaving three sons to mourn. KEARNEY—At her residence, 77 St. Patrick street, on January 2 after a short illness, Mrs. Jessie Kearney leaving three daughters and four sons to mourn. Notice of funeral later. BLAIR—At Massachusetts General Hospital on New Year's day, Thomas B. Blair, youngest son of the late Robert and Mildred Blair. Funeral on Saturday 5th inst. service at house 5.30 p.m., St. Andrew's.

WILL CONSIDER LABOR PROBLEM

Ottawa Committee Will Shortly Take Up Relations Between Employer and Employee.

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—A sub-committee of the reconstruction committee of the cabinet council will, it is understood, shortly take up consideration of labor problems, especially with regard to the effect of the war on relations between employer and employee and incidental questions. The sub-committee will be presided over by Senator Robertson, minister without portfolio.

GRAY GHOST JOB IN MONTREAL

Montreal, Jan. 3.—During daylight hours, heavily armed, each man in possession of two revolvers, boldly entered the jewellery store of G. Ernest Pommer, 681 Mount Royal avenue east, at noon today and after covering the proprietor, removed jewels and precious stones from the display case and decamped.

In less than two minutes they had swept the jewellery into one pile and walked out of the store with \$5,000 worth safely stored in the overcoat pocket of the leader of the gang. The three jewel thieves quietly walked to a waiting automobile and made their escape.

MILITIA CHECKS TO BE MAILED JAN. 7

Explanation of System of Sending Separation Allowances and Assigned Pay Cheques.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 3.—The following statement was given out today by the militia department: "The attention of the militia department has been called to erroneous statements which have found their way into the press, to the effect that separation allowance and assigned pay cheques for the month of January would be mailed on the 2nd instant. In order to avoid disappointment and unnecessary correspondence, the military authorities desire it to be understood that these cheques will reach the payees on different dates, between January 10th and 30th. Mailing will commence January 7th and will continue in such quantities as can be handled by the post office during a period of ten days."

HYMN AUTHOR DEAD

Bennington, Vt., Jan. 3.—Mrs. Annie Shurwood Hawke, author of many famous gospel hymns, including "I Need Thee Every Hour," died at her home here today at the age of 83.

ONLY TWO HELD IN NORFOLK, VA.

Twenty-Three Suspects Who Were Caught in Fire Investigation Dragnet Are Released.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 3.—All but two of the twenty-five suspects caught in the police dragnet thrown about the city to find responsibility for the \$2,000,000 fires New Year's day have been released. Johannes Zmor and his son Otto still held because they are unaturalized and have no enemy alien permits to be in a barred zone.

THE WEATHER

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 3.—An important disturbance, which developed near the south Atlantic coast is now centred off Nova Scotia, causing a northeast gale with snow in the maritime provinces. It has continued fair and very cold in Ontario and Quebec and quite mild in the western provinces. Maritime—Strong northerly winds; snow in eastern districts at first, then clearing and very cold.

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This sale is our regular January Clearance of broken lines and includes many of our best selling overcoats. We have taken but little regard of cost or former selling price.

- The styles are Ulsters, Slip-ons, Raglans, Fly Front, both box and shapely in fancy effects; Double Breasted Meltons and Cheviots.
- \$19.50 for Coats that were \$25, \$27, \$28, \$30.
- \$17.50 for Coats that were \$25.
- \$15.50 for Coats that were \$22 and \$25.
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Comin' Thro' the Rye.

This picture represents the popular idea.

The Great Song Book now being presented by this newspaper is a heart-thrill from cover to cover. It embodies the musical sentiment of the first century-and-a-half of the national existence of our beloved nation.

WE PREDICT for this truly unrivalled song collection a wondrous welcome into the homes of thousands of our readers. We know of nothing more conducive to happiness, more educative, more adapted to making the home what it should be—the gathering place, the rest place—the joy place of the entire family.

Description of Book
More than 20,000 people from all over the world contributed their favorite songs. Over four years were required to gather the correct words and music of the complete collection. Some of them—Folk Songs—now published for the first time. Many others before included in a general collection. Exceeds all other collections in completeness and accuracy. Arranged in low key so the whole family can sing. Many harmonized and arranged for mixed voices for the first time. A collection of treasures. A fund of entertainment in the family circle or at parties and other gatherings. Full of old friends and the personal recollections attached to many of them. *Stiff covers and especially bound so the book will remain open flat at any page.* Every reader is entitled to a copy.

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