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GREAT SEND-OFF TO THE DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION COLUMN IS GIVEN

Thousands Line Flag-Bedecked Streets as Boys March by to Entertain For Fredericton - Presentations and Speeches in Armory

"Form fours! Right turn! Quick march!" In crisp, terse tones, which were felt a sense of emotion, the command was given, the band struck up a lively marching air, and the Divisional Ammunition Column stepped off upon the first stage of the journey in upholding the honor of the empire.

The orders issued by Major W. H. Harrison, commander of the Divisional Ammunition Column, called the members together at the armory at 11.30 and every volunteer was present. Then the order "stand at ease" was given and members of the three chapters of the Daughters of the Empire in the city, Loyalist, De-Monts, and Brunswick, passed among the men presenting pipes and tobacco.

Short addresses by Mayor Frink, Commissioner Potts, Lieut.-Col. J. L. McAvity and Lieut.-Col. B. R. Armstrong followed. "In behalf of the city of St. John, and in a wider sense, in behalf of the province of New Brunswick," said the mayor, in closing an eloquent address, "I bid you God-speed. We're proud of you every one, and shall think of you frequently while you are away, and knowing that when you reach the goal—whether it be in France, in Belgium or on the road to Berlin, you will play the game right well, and that you will so conduct yourselves as to reflect credit upon the city."

The order to march was then given and the column started off. A "booster squad" was formed through the energy of Commissioner Potts. It was headed by Mayor Frink and Hon. J. E. Wilson and from a quartette at King square, it increased in strength as it went. At the time the depot was reached, all cheering and singing and the spectators in line responded.

At his residence Senator Thorne stood "saying two Union Jacks and the colors were saluted by the column. From business houses along the route flags and streamers flapped gaily. At Vassie & Company's every member was in line in the "Booster Squad" from the manager to the office boy and they gave a particularly rousing send-off to Lieut. Wm. Vassie and Gunner Clinton Brown. It was altogether a most successful farewell, and did credit to the city and to the gallant lads in the ranks of the ammunition column, whom Lieut.-Col. Armstrong termed this morning "the select of those who have yet left St. John."

Field Day
The 20th battalion early tomorrow will march out to Manchester's field for tactical manoeuvres. A day's rations will be taken in transport wagons.

More Room for Soldiers
The F.M.A. rooms and Y.M.S. St. Joseph's rooms in St. Malchi's Hall, have been thrown open for the use of soldiers. They can have the use of them every evening.

The Honor Roll
Walter S. Archibald, Hopewell Cape, Albert Co., N. B. Percy R. Allaby, 15 Victoria street, St. John. Richard J. Ashburne, St. George's, Harrowgate, Eng. R. M. Anderson, 857 Lancaster street, W. St. John. James Amos, 29 Stanley Park, Lower East Bristol, England. Clinton Brown, 17 Paddock street, St. John.

Weather Bulletin
New England—Rain or snow this afternoon; fair tonight and Tuesday; strong to southwest to west winds. Synopsis—A depression is developing quickly over Ontario while pressure is decidedly high over the western and north Pacific states. Snow is falling heavily over a large portion of Ontario and in Western Quebec.

THE FUNDS

C. B. Allan has received for the Canadian Patriotic Fund the following contributions:—S. W. Williams, \$61; J. Stark, \$20. The executive of the fund will meet in the board of trade rooms on next Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, to consider matters in relation to the fund.

NEW YORK TO SIBERIA VIA PANAMA CANAL, ALSO PERU TO ENGLAND

Washington, Dec. 21.—Direct steamship service between New York and Vladivostok, Siberia, by way of the Panama Canal already has begun and two steamers already have passed through the canal with cargoes of general manufactured goods and merchandise. The new line is 10,100 miles long, but is 3,000 miles shorter than the route from New York to Vladivostok by way of the Suez Canal. Consequently a ten knot vessel saves 12 1/2 days at sea.

SNOWSTORM A BOON TO MANY

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 21.—Thousands of men who sought shelter in municipal lodging houses last night were given employment today by railroads, trolley lines and the city cleaning the streets and railway tracks of the heaviest snowfall of the winter.

NEW LIGHTHOUSE FOR CHANCE HARBOR

The traffic bureau of the Board of Trade has been notified that a new lighthouse has been authorized by the lighthouse board for Chance Harbor. It will be constructed as soon as possible.

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Steamer From Halifax Lost; Crew Safe; Now Salvaging Cargo The Anita Ashore Near Turks Island—Valued at About \$100,000 and Had \$50,000 Nova Scotia Cargo

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 21.—The Norwegian steamer Anita, Captain S. B. Geraldson, which was under charter to Pickford & Black for five years, running between Turks Island, Santiago, Jamaica and Halifax, is a total wreck on North Cooles Island, near Turks Island. Word was received by Pickford & Black this morning that the steamer was given, but it is supposed she went aground during a thick fog while endeavoring to reach Turks Island. A large part of her cargo was destined for the island and was from Halifax merchants. Captain Geraldson and his crew of twenty-five in addition to the wife of the engineer, Mrs. Kristiansen, were aboard. The commander is one of the best known navigators running to these ports.

SCOTCH LAD WINS VICTORIA CROSS

Daring Feat in Capture of German Machine Gun
Wilton discovered there was a German machine gun stationed in a wood and, apparently of his own initiative, he decided to attempt its capture. In his desperate venture, he got the co-operation of a private of the Sixth Kings Rifles. They went out close to the enemy's position when Wilson's companion was killed.

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Russians Hold The Germans In Check; Allies Pressing On

Petrograd, Dec. 21.—The Russian forces are still holding at bay the German column, which is seeking to cross the Bzura river at Sochaczew and advance on Warsaw, thirty miles away. For three days this German army of about 200,000 men has been endeavoring to cross the river and throw back the Russians who are holding the right bank. Sochaczew continues to be the German objective in an attempt to reach Warsaw.

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RUSSIANS WIN IN CAUCASUS

Petrograd, Dec. 21.—An official Russian report says: "The fighting with the Turks, who had concentrated considerable forces in the direction of Stan, has developed favorably for us. We have repulsed the attacks of the enemy, near the village of Akogaza, where the Turks had a great number killed."

ITALIAN FEELING AGAINST AUSTRIA

Rome, Dec. 21.—The police in various places in Italy had some difficulty on Sunday in keeping down riotous demonstrations at celebrations of the anniversaries of the death of Oberdan, an Italian nationalist leader, who organized an unsuccessful plot to assassinate Emperor Francis Joseph in Trieste in 1882 and was put to death for it.

THE KAISER'S HEALTH

Paris, Dec. 21.—The European edition of the New York Herald publishes the following: "The diagnosis of the Kaiser's illness, made by the Herald a week ago, as a cold, with influenza, and a touch of broncho-pneumonia, is verified by the latest reports of his convalescence, which has now begun, but it was foreseen that the Kaiser is not likely to resign himself to this, not considering that the incidents of nervous debility belong long to convalescence."

ST. PETER'S Y.M.A. DEBATE

An interesting debate took place in the rooms of St. Peter's Y.M.A. on Sunday afternoon. The subject was: "Resolved that the province of New Brunswick offers more inducements to an agricultural immigrant and his family than the province of Alberta." Joseph Harrington, who officiated as judge, after carefully considering the many points brought out by both sides awarded the decision to the affirmative. The winning side was led by Edward Henneberry, who was assisted by Frank McDonald and Harold McCarthy. The negative side was led by Louis Donnelly, who had as his colleagues Joseph McCarthy and Joseph Gibbons.

DEATH OF CLERGYMAN

Hamilton, Ont.—Rev. E. R. N. Barrow, Anglican clergyman, died today.

MURDER GETS \$15

Confesses to Slaying Aged Woman—Cleveland Hotel Man Stabbed to Death

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Antoinette Becker, fifty-eight years old, has confessed, according to the police, that she killed Miss Frances Bonholt, an aged woman who was found beaten to death in her home here on last Wednesday. Robbery was the motive. The sum of \$15 which Mrs. Becker told the police she took from a drawer in Miss Bonholt's house, was found concealed in the slayer's home.

Y. M. C. A. SPORT

In the Y. M. C. A. bowling league on Saturday evening, Mrs. Bent's team defeated Mr. Megarity's, three points to one. The totals were 1202 to 1185. A. G. Stevens' team leads with Mr. Bent's second.

GOOD GOVERNMENT CONVENTION

Hon. C. W. Robinson has decided to attend the convention of the friends of good government in this city to consider the situation in view of the coming by-election in St. John county.

LATE POLICE COURT

Frank Mason, arrested on a charge of assaulting Mrs. Philip Horn, was allowed his freedom this afternoon, with a warning from Magistrate Ritchie.