

SOLDIERS AT NIAGARA WILL ENJOY HOLIDAY

Leave of Absence Will Be Granted After First Morning Parade.

MORE TRANSFERS

Fourth Pioneer Battalion Has Begun Recruiting in That District.

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE, Ont., May 23.—Niagara camp, with the exception of the men on camp duty will be allowed to spend Victoria Day as they like, after the physical drill parade. There will be no regular drills. All are hoping that the fine weather which hit the district this afternoon will continue over tomorrow.

These members of No. 2 Detachment, C.P.C., are taken on the strength of the camp: Privates E. B. Crowe, R. Booth and B. Oliver.

Transfers. The following are transferred from the 88th Overseas Battalion to Casualties, C. E. F.: Privates E. S. Street, J. Danahy, F. Hayden, A. Byers, W. J. Phillips, A. Allison, S. Salmon, A. E. Brooks, F. T. Woodruff, E. Memphis, A. Farnon, J. Harvin, E. Wade, W. H. Hubbard, S. Tallyn, W. J. Frank, J. Carson.

The undermentioned is transferred from the 95th Battalion to the 24th Battalion. The undermentioned are transferred from the 95th Battalion to Casualties: E. M. Fournier, F. S. G. Turley, T. W. Marnden, H. V. Hardie, E. Hiscrope, H. Lee, J. Williamson, E. L. Willis, W. E. W. Darby, J. S. H. Welsh, J. G. A. and C. M. G.

More Officers Added. The duty battalion will until further orders detail one company to report each day, beginning May 23, at the rifle ranges, at 8:30 a.m. The principal work of this unit is reconstructing roads, bridges, and other military installations. All officers of this battalion are engineers and contractors, who are thoroughly familiar with construction work of all kinds. Capt. C. D. Maguire of St. Catharines is in command of this district, with headquarters at the C. A. St. Catharines.

Pioneers Recruiting. The 4th Overseas Pioneer Battalion is recruiting in this district, and men of all trades are being accepted. The principal work of this unit is reconstructing roads, bridges, and other military installations. All officers of this battalion are engineers and contractors, who are thoroughly familiar with construction work of all kinds. Capt. C. D. Maguire of St. Catharines is in command of this district, with headquarters at the C. A. St. Catharines.

WAR SUMMARY THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

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their reserves. Corroboration of this may be found in the presence of large numbers of boys of the 1916 and 1917 classes among the Germans and of Bulgarians among the Turks.

The advances of the French north of Verdun into Fort Douaumont and on each side of it provoked the Germans to make furious counter-attacks yesterday in an endeavor to drive the French troops back to their starting-off points. Combined with these frontal attacks were heavy flanking attacks west of the Meuse. These were directed principally against Hill 304 and on their failure there, against Le Mort Homme. Only once did the Germans get a footing in the French positions, and they were immediately ejected by a counter-attack. The fighting, which was forced here previous to the French advance in the north, had its origin in the despatch of French troops to the region of Fort Douaumont. The Germans attacked the French in flank for the purpose of diverting their attention from their purpose of defending the Mort Homme position, but they were repulsed in their purpose. The French hold the higher positions they can compel the Germans to attack them whenever they desire by merely threatening to drive back the Germans. Thus the Kaiser and the crown prince have landed their men in a face of an entrenching force. The battle in the Verdun region has reached the stage midway between trench and mobile warfare. It seems to herald the break-up of the present stationary system of fighting, but whether after a period of manoeuvring and fighting it will resume its stationary aspect on shorter lines depends upon the number of men that the allies can throw into the campaign as reserves. The more men they can mobilize the speedier will the war be ended.

Rome reports that the Italian front remains unbroken. It says that after repulsing Austrian attacks against Italian advanced lines between the Adige and the Brenta and in the Sugana Valley, the Italian troops gradually retired on their main lines of defence. They executed their movement in good order and not under pressure of the enemy. They have observed assemblages of Austrian troops between Lake Garda and the Adige and only reconnaissances have been observed between the Adige and the Brenta. An Italian detachment captured an important Austrian position on Mount Seif, on the upper Cordevole, taking 50 prisoners.

Paris military experts say that the Italians have fallen back before the first shock of the Austrian offensive, but they are now reforming their lines with heavy reinforcements. The Italians who were at Rovereto, 20 miles from Trent, withdrew southward under the heavy Austrian pressure until their lines are now about 10 miles south of Rovereto. Part of the new line is still in Austrian territory. The Austrians are said to be aiming at Vienna, for the purpose of separating the Italians operating against Trieste from those operating against Trent. The Austrians appear to have spent the violence of their first blow and they are probably making preparations for another.

Winston Churchill, who retired from the government after the tactical failure of the British forces at the Dardanelles became known, has become a critic of the government, and yesterday he made a plea for a more vigorous conduct of the war. If the British Empire had more than 5,000,000 men under arms, he said, the British army should be detaching more than 45 divisions of the enemy. He also said that the war would be a long one. Such predictions are guesses, except in so far as the time it will take to mobilize the full strength of the British Empire at the front. Britain is at the moment in a position where the final reserves in the west, and reserves are only thrown in at the last moment. A great many of the causes leading to the prolongation or the shortening of the war depend on accident, and so it is impossible to predict when it will end. Mr. Churchill also urges the raising of large contingents in India and among the African blacks.

In the Armenian theatre of the war the Russians are steadily converging on Mosul from Persia, and they have recently occupied Serbercht, on the road to that strategic point. They repulsed repeated Turkish attempts to take the offensive southwest of Trebizond last Sunday and they have dislodged the Turks from an organized position on one of the slopes north of the Taurus Mountains.

REVIEWING THE BEAVERS' OFFICERS



General Hughes reviewing the officers of the 204th Beaver Battalion before the big parade yesterday. In the picture, from left to right, are Colonel Bickford, Colonel Levesque, Major A. D. Watts, who was in command of the 204th; General Hughes, Lieut. Sayres, Lieut. Davis, with whom the general is shaking hands; Lieut. McKellar and Lieut. Rochester.

CHARGES OF HERESY STILL IN BALANCE

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 23.—Adoption of the plan for the merger of the board of education and the college board and the announcement that the committee on bills and overtures had not yet reached an agreement regarding the charges of heresy against the New York Presbyterian and Union Seminaries were the outstanding features of the day's discussions of the Presbyterian General Assembly.

FORMER LEAP YEAR BABIES.

In 1904 The Toronto World inaugurated the presentation of a birthday mug to all babies born in Ontario, on Feb. 29. The offer was repeated in 1908, again in 1912, and again in 1916. In this week's issue of "The Sunday World" there appears a group view of a number of leap year babies born previous to this year. These children are unique in that they have a real birthday but once every four years, and for that reason their pictures will appear in this week's Sunday World. Under each picture are the name and address, and the whole is assembled in an artistic layout. Never before, perhaps, has a similar picture appeared in a newspaper. See it in The Sunday World.

GERMANS DO NOT EXPECT TO STARVE

At Least Such is Tenor of Comments in the Newspapers.

RELY UPON DICTATOR

Prospect of New Harvest is Said to Be Fairly Good.

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even establish fixed per capita rations, if necessary. The only express limitation of the provision that the new department's measures will take into consideration orders of the military commanders. The date on which the new order of things will become effective is to be announced shortly.

"We shall also come thru with potatoes, even the with scant rations until the new crop. The last annual census showed only slightly over 15,000,000 swine, but since the number of what is lacking. The number of meat cattle had decreased less than was supposed, but what we lack is cattle fit for butchering. The older animals are consumed and the army's major requirements are so mighty that even animals unfit for slaughtering must be taken.

CANADIAN CASUALTIES

INFANTRY

Killed in action—18477; Norman Winford, Hamilton, Ont.; 16682; Sgt. Major Corp. Fred Duda, Thessalon, Ont.; 16682; Pioneer Michael Lantz, River, Ont.; 16682; Lieut. Col. Wm. Renwick Marshall, D. S. O. 878 Huron street, Toronto; 4828; Ota Malar, New Ross, N.S.; 7885; Bruce Northrop, Vancouver; 2818; Eugene Thout, Sherbrooke, Que.

Died of wounds—43451; Henry Brown, La Cimetite, Alta.; 41953; Wm. Clark, Mothers Corners, N. B.; Lt. Geo. A. Goodburn, 188 Buxton road, Toronto.

Previously reported missing, now officially died of gas poisoning—2339; Cuthbert Richard Page, Fothering, Massey, Ont.

Seriously ill—554; Edgar S. Colburn, W. S. S. 5375; Co. Sgt. Major Richard Robertson, Huxley P. O. Alta. Wounded—49984; Fred Berg, 20 Ravenswood, Hamilton; 49852; Berth Stephan, Newville, Ont.; 48048; James S. G. Cole, Victoria; 8114; Fred Thomas Cornell, St. John's, N. S.; 28220; Alex. Cullen, Winnipeg; 6744; Everett Dewar, Burlington, N. S.; 4295; James Findlay Dewar, Edmonton, Alta.; 42950; David Dick, Burdette, 4842; 42950; Robert David Toward, West Hamilton; 6921; David Watson, Montreal; 42324; Wm. Whyte, Edmonton; 40082; Corp. Harry Williams, Martintown, Ont.; 47828; Sgt. Harvey Woodland, Markham street, Toronto; 47828; Henry Jaume, Wellington, Ont.; 40760; Robert A. Kidd, Edmonton; Capt. A. Hope, England; 42609; Pioneer Dunbar McDowell, Glen Robertson, Ont.; 47785; Willie McInnes, Vancouver; 47946; John W. McInnes, Cliche Bay, Ont.; 48220; John McKeligan, Guelph, Ont.; 8734; Robert McKeligan, Saskatoon; 48984; Daniel McKeligan, Saskatoon; 44018; Stephen H. Martin, Saskatoon; 49078; Chas. Mason, 866 Jones avenue, Toronto; Lieut. Rupert Murray Millett, Marquette's Cove, N. B.; 42147; Peter Olin, Nelson, Dunsford, Ont.; 40175; John W. Rowland, 278 Price street, Toronto.

Wounded—274; Sapper Hugh Cowan, Montreal; 89; Sapper Herbert Hall, Hamilton, Ont.; 220; Sapper Wm. Alex. Watson, Winchester, Ont.

ENGINEERS

Wounded—16050; Cecil Edward Alford, Medicine Hat, Alb.; 10220; Robert Chaffrey, Weyburn, Ont.; Lieut. George Randolph Pearson, Mt. Tolmie, B. C.; Capt. Wm. D. G. Smith, Nanaimo, B. C.; 10555; Archibald Speer, Nanaimo, B. C.

ARTILLERY

Died—8991; Michael J. Quinn, Grandby Wounded—8530; Gunner W. Stendale Everett, Montreal; 19076; Geo. Hunter, Alb.

LOGIE PAYS VISIT TO BORDEN CAMP

Will Inspect Accommodation for Troops This Afternoon.

MEN WILL GET HOLIDAY

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There will be practically a complete respite from drill today for the troops in training for overseas. Recruiting efforts, owing to this being Victoria Day, will also be let up. The recruiting depot will be closed.

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The good total of 104 recruits came forward for enlistment yesterday, 74 of them being accepted. Thirty-eight of the accepted recruits will go on active service for the divisional headquarters, the Irish-Canadian, with nine recruits, led the infantry battalions. The Borden camp will have eight recruits. The Toronto Light Infantry and Beavers each secured 10 recruits. The 68th Battery, The Toronto Artillery, secured 10 recruits.

Inspected Cadets. Major Wallace, divisional inspector of cadets, with Lt. Col. J. Fair, inspected the cadets of the Queen's Own Rifles at the armory last night. The cadets paraded under Capt. Kirk and Sgt. Davy, and were inspected by Major Wallace. A recruiting meeting was held at the armory last night. A splendid musical program was given by the band of the 10th Canadian Buffs. Good results were obtained.

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ITALIANS YIELDED GROUND TO FOES

Austrian Offensive Reaches Region of Dante's Inferno.

LULL COMES IN FIGHT Bulgarian Troops Captured, Indicating Progress With Teutons.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, May 23.—A lull appears to have occurred in the heavy fighting between the Austrians and the Italians in the Tyrol, but both sides are making strenuous preparations to renew the battle.

The Italians announce that after repulsing attacks of the Austrians against their advanced lines between the Adige and the Brenta and in the Sugana Valley, their troops gradually retired on their main line of defence. They say that they executed this movement in perfect order and not under pressure of the enemy. Between the Adige and the Brenta, where heavy Austrian attacks were repulsed, only reconnaissances are reported today. On the upper Cordevole an Italian detachment carried by assault an important Austrian position on Mount Seif, taking 50 prisoners.

Intense artillery actions were fought on the upper But, the heights northwest of Gorizia, and in the Montalona sector. Bombs were dropped on the Venetian plain by Austrian aviators and a few persons were wounded.

Along the Isonzo front the Italians have made prisoners of Bulgarians, showing that Bulgarians have joined the Austrians in their present offensive. The Austrian heavy guns are much more numerous in this region than those of the Italians, but they have not been able to overcome the well-organized Italian defenses, which thus far have checked the Austrian advance along the whole Isonzo line.

A Paris despatch says: The French military experts agree that the Italians have fallen back before the first shock of the Austrian offensive, but say they are now reforming their lines with heavy reinforcements.

The operations in the centre are in the area about 20 miles square east and northeast of Lake Garda, where the Italians had made their first drive toward Trent. They were strongly posted at Rovereto, less than twenty miles from Trent, but withdrew southward under the heavy Austrian pressure until their lines are now about ten miles south of Rovereto. Here the Austrians occupy elevated positions on what is called Santo Hill, while the Italians face them from Fasubio Hill.

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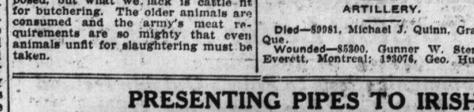
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