

KING SAW THE ALLIES IN ACTION

Made a Distribution of Decorations to Officers and Men—Told Troops "Victory is Certain"

London, Dec. 9.—The official bureau has issued a detailed description by the "eye-witness" at British headquarters of the King's visit to the troops at the front.

One day the King went to a commanding point from which a good view of the battlefield could be obtained. The air was extraordinarily clear and his Majesty had an excellent view.

Far away to the right rose the tall chimneys and factory buildings of Lille and Roubaix. In front stretched a ridge which had been the scene of some of the most desperate fighting, and along it the still smoking ruins of villages showed up black and desolate. On the left rose the town of Ypres, amid which the Cloth Hall and cathedral were easily distinguished. The extent of the damage done by the Germans could be realized, by the roofless nave of the Hall and the gaping holes in the tower.

Saw Shells Burst.

Even while the King was watching several howitzer shells burst in the town, to the east of the city he saw the woods which witnessed one of the fiercest struggles ever waged by British soldiers, in which many of them and their allies lie.

Farther south gleamed the waters of the canal, along the banks of which the British and French alternately disputed every inch of ground with the enemy.

To the north, melting in the distance, lay the valley of the Yser where our allies made such a valiant defence and won so much glory. Another incident is related by the eye witness. He says:

"After a parade of the troops at which the King made a distribution of decorations, the procession returned in a pouring rain to headquarters. On the homeward journey the car containing the Prince of Wales met with a slight accident, but was able to proceed at a comparatively slow speed. On the way it passed a derelict soldier who was trudging along in the cold and wet without hat or coat. The Prince stopped his car to enquire what had happened. On discovering that the man had been left behind by a supply train, he insisted on taking the soldier to headquarters in his car.

On arrival there he gave the man his water-proof coat. Before leaving the front, the King issued the following order for the day:

King's Order.

"Officers, non-commissioned officers and men, I am very glad to have been able to see my army in the field. I much wished to do so in order to get a slight experience of the life you are living. I wish I could have spoken to you all to express my admiration of the splendid manner in which you have fought and are still fighting against a powerful and relentless enemy. By your discipline, pluck and endurance, and inspired by indomitable regimental spirit you have not only upheld the traditions of the British army, but added fresh lustre to its history. I was much inspired by your soldierly, healthy cheerful appearance, and I cannot share your trials, dangers and success, but I can assure you of the proud confidence and gratitude of myself and your fellow countrymen. We follow you in your daily thoughts on your certain road to victory."

Throughout the visit, the "eye-witness" says, His Majesty's safety was assured by the flying corps, whose members continually patrolled above the royal procession wherever it was.

Nickel's Fine Show

The Nickel Theatre has one of the best shows in its history on the programme for to-day. "The Bridge of Sorrows" is a grand production by the famous Gaumont artists. It is in two reels and is highly interesting throughout. "The Helpful (?) Sisterhood" is also a two-reel film dealing with life at a girls' college. It is a sad story, but has a pleasing finale. It tells of a girl who steals to keep up appearances. The whole programme will be repeated this evening.

Magistrate's Court

Inspector of Weights O'Mara summoned J. Cox, of the United Coal Co. for a breach of the regulations. Defendant had to pay costs. A 10-year-old boy who acted in an unbecoming manner was fined \$5.

Generous Response Made To All Patriotic Appeals

Imperial Tobacco Co. Will See Our Men Get Smokes for Christmas—Success of Cardigan Jacket Fund—Patriotic Fund Now Totals \$78,000

"The work of the Patriotic Association bristles with difficulties," said His Excellency the Governor, during the course of his remarks last evening, and having listened to the arguments and suggestions for two and a half hours we could come to no other conclusion but that the Governor was right.

The Governor presided, and the following members were present: Rt. Hon. the Premier, Chief Justice Horwood, Sir Joseph Outerbridge, J. M. Kent, F. J. Morris, W. J. Higgins, W. F. Coaker, W. J. Ellis, A. W. Piccott, Hon. M. G. Winter, Capt. Outerbridge, W. H. Rennie, W. Howlett, Hon. W. C. Job, J. S. Munn, J. J. McKay, A. B. Morine, A. Hiscock, J. A. Calver, W. Soper, A. E. Wright, M. Chaplin, R. G. Rendell, T. McNeill, Dr. Macpherson, Capt. Montgomerie, Dr. Paterson.

His Excellency read an official telegram which was received with applause. Secretary Burke read the minutes of the two previous meetings which were adopted.

Referred to Funds.

His Excellency referred to the Tobacco Fund and the Cardigan Jacket Fund. The Imperial Tobacco Co. had generously offered to supply the Christmas contribution and the Association will place on record its appreciation of this practical contribution. It will enable the committee to hold over the amount they have on hand until a later date. The thanks of the Association will be tendered to Mr. Hawvermale and his associates.

The Cardigan Jacket Fund, arranged by the ladies was now closed. The result was highly satisfactory. Sufficient money was on hand to provide a warm jacket for every Newfoundland soldier to wear under his tunic. His Excellency then read a communication from the Secretary of State in reply to questions asked by the Governor, the effect of which is (1) that the drill book is the same as that used in 1914, (2) the Second contingent may go to England partly trained, (3) The Army Council will be pleased to accept the men in instalments.

Reserve Force Report.

Sir Joseph Outerbridge, Chairman of the Reserve Force Committee, submitted his report to the effect that recruiting had been taken up along the same lines as in the first contingent. The Magistrates of the different outposts had been interested towards securing men; arrangements as to pay, board, etc., had been made, and also special provision for their training in view of weather conditions; that miniature rifle practice was going on at the armoueries.

Instructors had been engaged and special preparations for shooting were being made at the range and that several applications for officers commissions had been received.

The report said that of 607 enrolled from Nov. 30th to Dec. 10th, sixty-eight came from outposts.

The Record.

Out of four hundred examined by the doctors, one hundred and seventeen were rejected, seventy laid over for future reference and one hundred and sixty passed as suitable. Of those rejected over seventy were under nineteen—boys who had over-stated their age in their eagerness to enlist. The closing paragraph of the report which was adopted, was: "It is desirable that effective steps be taken to secure a more generous response from recruiting centres outside St. John's."

Capt. Outerbridge is looking after clothing, etc. for the men. Equipment and rifles will be procured in England.

Rt. Hon. Sir Edward Morris would like to know why so many were rejected. He investigated a couple of cases which came under his notice and was confident that rejection of so many had an injurious effect on others especially in the outposts.

A general discussion followed in which Dr. Macpherson, Sir Joseph Outerbridge, V. P. Burke, J. J. McKay, T. A. McNab, Mark Chaplin, A. W. Piccott, W. J. Higgins, F. J. Morris, W. Ellis, Hon. W. C. Job, W. W. Blackall and W. Soper took part.

Mr. T. A. McNab offered his services for a couple of months to open recruiting offices in the outposts. He thought Carbonara would be the best place first. Mr. McNab stated he was unable to volunteer for the front, but he desired to further the interests of recruiting as much as possible.

Naval Reserve Recruiting.

Recruiting for the naval reserve was also discussed at length and a committee consisting of Hon. W. C. Job, A. W. Piccott, and F. J. Morris were appointed with power to add to their number to assist Capt. McDermott in this work.

In the absence of the Vice-Chairman, Mr. J. S. Munn presented a verbal report from the Finance Committee. Two meetings have been held since previous meeting of Association. A sub-committee had been appointed to consider the question of pensions which is still sitting and will report later.

The Patriotic Fund is now between \$77,500 and \$77,800, and he regretted to say that it was not augmented as much as he believed was possible. It will soon be time to make an appeal. It was purely self-giving so far, and the speaker thought it is about time that a united effort was made to swell this fund. A much larger amount will be needed. Many are holding back, thinking the money is not wanted, but it is and before long there will be numerous demands on it. Mr. Munn thought it was time to formulate some scheme, and explain to the public what way the money will be expended.

7 RECRUITS LAST NIGHT

Three From the City and Four Outport Men—Grand Total Reaches 611

First Week.
Monday 182
Tuesday 153
Wednesday 98
Thursday 51
Friday 30

Second Week.
Monday 43
Tuesday 16
Wednesday 14
Thursday 17
Friday 7

Total 611

Seven recruits came forward last night, four being from outposts, making a grand total of 611.

Recruiting will be continued at the C. L. B. Armoury again this evening at 8 o'clock.

In yesterday's list the name of Chas. Butt was given as from Bay of Islands instead of from St. Grace, and that of Reuben Thos. Robinson, Broom's Bottom, Bay of Islands, was inadvertently omitted.

Those who volunteered last night were:—

St. John's—Harris C. Hill, Leo. Jos. Cleary, Robert J. Halleran.

Harbor Breton—Samuel R. Smith, Stephen K. Smith.

Fortune—William Ed. Snooks.

Bareneed, Port de Grave—John Edwin Richards.

CITY FATHERS HANDLE MUCH ROUTINE WORK

Complaints, Reports, Applications and "Other Things too Numerous to Mention" Dealt With

The weekly meeting of the Civic Commission was held last evening, the following being present: Messrs. Gosling, Anderson, I. C. Morris, J. J. Malloy, E. M. Jackman, F. Bradshaw, F. McNamara.

After passing requirements for the different departments and other matters in connection with the working of the office, the following business was discussed:

P. Templeman submitted a counter claim against the Council for damages done by water overflow, as against taxes. In the opinion of the Board Mr. Templeman has no claim.

Ryan's Property.

Mr. Ryan, a constant employee of the Council on the road carting, asked why he was paid off. He will be given a share of any casual work the city will require, but otherwise no move can be made in the matter.

Reported Against Claim.

The Solicitor reported that in his opinion the claim of Ben. Squires as regards the city diverting a waterway near his property, could not be entertained. Mr. Squires will be so written.

Henry Blatch, Long's Hill, wrote as to condition of drain, south side of Carter's Hill. Referred to Supervisor.

The Reid Co. wrote that their hydrants on the Dock premises were only used for special purposes by the Council employees, and if the Council intended removal or alterations, it would have to pay for any expenses incurred.

Health Matter.

Com. Mullaly called attention to a shed near the Court House, and suggested that it be "dismantled or interned" forthwith. He thought the matter should have been looked into by the Health Officer on Sanitary Supervisor long ago and action taken. It was decided that the Public Health Officer and the I.G. be written in the matter.

Com. McNamara suggested that some attention be given the junction of Mullock Street and Barnes' Road. Referred to the Engineer.

A claim from one of the Engineer's staff for extra work done during the visit of Expert Longley, was referred to the office committee.

The Engineer's report showed that

Practical Gift Goods

The trend of trade seems to indicate that, amongst adults, gifts of a practical nature are more in evidence this Christmas than in former years. To-day we make a few suggestions Of The Right Things to Give

Ladies' Umbrellas.

Silk Umbrellas with beautifully mounted extra long handles, steel rods. Each in Gift Box.

\$4.80 to \$6.60

Acceptable Glove Gifts

Nothing more practical than a good pair of Gloves. Our stock is well-assorted.

Kid—70c., \$1.00 to \$1.50.
Suede and Mocha—\$1.10, \$1.40, and \$1.50.
Kid, Lined—75 cts., 90c. to \$2.10.
Tan Gauntlets—\$2.60.

Useful Art Goods

H.S. and Embroidered Tea Cloths—40c., 75c., \$1.00 to \$3.10.
Embroidered Tea Cosseys—85c.
Sideboard Cloths—\$1.60 to \$3.50.
Stamped Carvers—65c. to \$1.00.
Tray Cloths—30c. to 85c.
Sofa Cushions—75c. \$1, \$2, \$3, \$4 to \$7
Tea Cosseys—\$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.50.

Dainty House Slippers

Fur Tops—like cut; in cherry & blk, \$2.10. Soft felt, high heels in cherry, brown & black—\$1.30 and \$1.50. "Kozy" Slipper in brown, beaver and saxe—\$1.10.

Japanese Pressed Silver

Puff Boxes, Jewel Boxes, Pin Trays, Ash Trays, Candlesticks, Photo Frames, Cigar Boxes, etc.

HANDKERCHIEFS

in Boxes, containing 1, 3, 4 and 6. Special Values at 35c., 50c., 65c. to \$1.40.

PERFUMES

Our Specialties are ZENOBI—55c., 90c. to \$1.80. Grossmith's—70c. to \$1.30.

Ask for a copy of the "Monthly Messenger."

'Xmas Bells' A Seasonable Publication

The annual number of "Christmas Bells" is one of the finest put out by the publishers, Messrs. Gray & Goodland. It contains many seasonable articles, is replete with clear, well-reproduced local views and, altogether, is a credit to the publisher and to the local talent and to the printing trade of this city.

The low price—ten cents—asked per copy places "Christmas Bells" within reach of all and it would be a good idea to use this publication instead of the conventional Christmas Card. An extensive use of the Annual in this way would encourage the enterprising publishers and there is no doubt that it would be more welcome as a remembrance to friends at home or abroad than the cards usually sent out.

Dr. Ethan Flagg Butler, who was assistant with Dr. Grenfell on the Labrador for two reasons, has been selected by the Red Cross Association of the United States of America, to have sole charge of the two units of the Red Cross Ambulance now being sent to help the Servians, at the request of the Servian Government. This shows the class of men that come to help Dr. Grenfell in the medical and surgical work in the North.

Prescott repairs had cost more than \$2,000.00. With passing of pay rolls, etc., the meeting adjourned at 10.10.

PERSONAL

Rev. Father Nolan, P.P., Fortune, is to succeed Father Lynch, late pastor Northern Bay. During his pastorate before going to Fortune Hr. he made many improvements at Northern Bay Parish.

We learn that Dr. John Mason Little, Jr., of St. Anthony Hospital, and who is so well-known in the northern Districts, has been elected a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, which is a great honour, and a mark of their appreciation of his ability as a surgeon.

WANTED—One McKay Sewing Machine Operator. Apply N.F.L. BOOT & SHOE MANUFACTURING CO. LTD., Job St.—dec4,t

FOR SALE—One Dwelling House, Store and Work Shop combined. Will sell at a bargain. For further particulars apply to W. J. DOVE, Chance Hr. East.—dec5,t

LADIES' CURLING CLUB ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Ladies' Curling Club, called for Friday, Dec. 18, will be held on Thursday, Dec. 17, at 3.30 p.m.

PAULINE BAIRD, Hon. Secretary, dec12,t

Patriotic Association OF THE Women Of Newfoundland.

A Meeting of the above Association will take place on Tuesday next, December 22nd, at 3.30 o'clock p.m. at the BRITISH HALL. All members, subscribers, and anyone interested in the work are cordially invited to attend. The reports of the Committees will be read and any other business transacted of which notice is given.

E. T. MACPHERSON, Hon. Secretary, dec12,t

Picked Up, Herring Net. Owner can get same by sending marks and particulars to ELLI SQUIRES, Sibley's Cove, Trinity Bay South.—nov28

FOR SALE—The Fast Sailing Schooner "Grace D. Day," 39 tons, Built Sable River, N.S. Vessel and gear in good order and condition. Apply to HARVEY & CO., (or to Captain on board.)—dec10,t

To Let—That Centrally situated shop in the City Club Building, Water Street, now occupied by Mr. F. B. Wood, also basement of building. Possession given May 1st. Apply to the Secretary, the City Club, —nov21,t

ROYAL NAVAL RESERVE NOTICE

ATTACHED is a list of men of the Newfoundland Royal Naval Reserve who have not reported themselves since the issue of the Royal Proclamation calling out the Reserves. Men failing to report themselves are liable to arrest as deserters.

A. MacDERMOTT, Lieutenant-Commander.

Name.	Rating.	Address.
Henry Murray	Qd. Snn	14 Quidi Vidi Rd., St. John's.
William Collins	Qd. Snn	Battery Rd., St. John's.
William Bartlett	Qd. Snn	Bareneed.
Isaac Snow	Qd. Snn	Bay Roberts.
Arthur Warren	Qd. Snn	Catalina.
Ralph Neill	Qd. Snn	Spaniard's Bay.
Arthur Hawkins	Snn	Change Islands.
Jacob Miller	Qd. Snn	Joe Batt's Arm.
Allan Wells	Qd. Snn	Hare Bay.
Reuben Manuel	Snn	Salt Pond, Lewisporte.
Fredk. J. Hillier	Qd. Snn	Lamaline.
James McGrath	Qd. Snn	Patrick's Cove, P.E.
Arthur Ryan	Qd. Snn	Pouch Cove.
James E. Carson	Snn	Harbour Grace.
Thomas Broomfield	Qd. Snn	St. Brendan's, B.B.
Henry J. Brown	Snn	Trinity East.
James Moriarty	Snn	Brigus.
Henry T. Mercer	Qd. Snn	Shearstown.
John S. Monks	Snn	King's Cove.
Chesley G. Dyke	Snn	Alexander Bay.
Alexander Walsh	Snn	Conception Harbour.
James Martin	Snn	Grates Cove.

dec12,t