

NEW CAMPAIGNS IN WAR INTERESTING

Torres Vedras, Established at Saloniki, With French and British on Same Side of Barricade, May Be Downfall of Germans—Smith-Dorrien's Task.

Paris, Dec. 18.—Now that the Allies have announced their determination to retain Saloniki as a base of operations in Macedonia, writes the brilliant military theorist Polybe in the Figaro, "we are again at Torres Vedras, and this time on the same side of the barricade as the English."

"This same region of Saloniki," writes in the Gaulois the historian of the war of 1870, Lieutenant-Colonel Rousset, "is the one into which we finally must withdraw with the English. It is there that new lines of Torres Vedras will be established, resting on one side on the sea and on the other against the lakes which shut in Chalcidica."

The idea of transforming Saloniki into a Torres Vedras is not merely the desire of military experts. The work of realizing the idea already has commenced. A despatch to the Echo de Paris reports that defensive works at Saloniki have been commenced.

One does not need to go back to the operations of Torres Vedras in 1810 to understand how formidable the task will be for the Bulgars-Germans to force the field defences of Saloniki. The strength of modern entrenchments is demonstrated daily along the line that stretches across France from the Swiss frontier to the North Sea.

Before Saloniki the conditions for defensive strategy are ideal. The place is approachable only through a narrow pass between the mountains and the lakes on the east and the sea, commanded by the Allied fleets, on the west. In that straight path a thousand may well be stopped. The three lines of Torres Vedras defend the strength of the French when Napoleon's power was at its apogee. The lines of Saloniki will certainly withstand the efforts of Wilhelm the Nihilist, who is already gasping for breath and clutching at peace straw.

Everything tends to confirm the belief that the fourth act of the war, the act just beginning at Salonica, will prove another defeat for the barbarians, another brilliant victory for the Allies.

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WANT FIGHTING MEN STILL IN GERMAN ARMIES

War Correspondent Warns Canadians Not to Think That the Enemy is Weak

FRENCH AND BRITISH FORCES EFFICIENT

Mr. Powell Tells of Experiences on Western Front at Close Quarters—The Taking of Antwerp.

E. Alexander Powell, a successful war correspondent who was at the front only recently for the London Daily Mail, Scribner's Magazine and the New York World, delivered an illustrated lecture on the war in Montreal last week. Prior to the lecture he gave the Montreal newspapers some account of his experiences with the British and French armies.

Mr. Powell spoke with great enthusiasm of the organization and courage of the British and French armies, but he warned Canadians that a very large percentage of the German army is still made up of men between 20 and 30 years of age who are first class fighting men.

Mr. Powell was at the front with the French army for the New York World, the London Daily Mail, and Scribner's Magazine, and although he remarked that the general supervision of the war correspondents with the French army was as rigid as ever he had met with the greatest kindness from the high military authorities, and been given singular opportunities to see great events—sometimes by fortune of war, at others by grace of generals.

Like Circus a Day Ahead.

"I cannot claim to be the only war correspondent who was through the bombardment of Antwerp," said Mr. Powell, "but I am a photographer, Donald Thompson, got off a remark on the end of it that struck me as one of the humors of the campaign. Here were three-quarters of a million people fleeing for their lives, or hiding in cellars, and I was taking photographs of the German army, and the staff at the American consulate. There was not even a stray dog on the streets. It was most extraordinary, and Thompson looked around at me, and remarked: 'Reminds me of a circus coming to town the day before it was expected.' That just hit the idea."

BRITAIN'S NEW WAR CHIEF



General Sir Douglas Haig, who has succeeded Sir John French as Commander of the British Forces on the Western Front.

VERSES FROM THE 26TH

A member of the 26th Battalion forwards to The Telegraph some verses composed in the trenches and entitled:

"THE RED, RED ROAD 'ROUND KEMMEL"

"On Pasende-gei your spade,
Fall in the shovel and pick brigade,
There's a carry fatigue for half a league,
And work to do with a spade,
Through the dust and ruins of Kemmel town
The 'seventeen inch' still battering down,
Spreading death with its fiery breath,
On the red, red road 'round Kemmel.

Who is the one whose time has come,
Who won't return when the work is done,
Who will leave his bones on the blood-stained stones,
On the red, red road 'round K' mme!
Onward Canadians—never stop,
To the sand-bagged trench, then over the top;
Over the top—if a "packie" you stop,
On the red, red road 'round Kemmel.

The burst and the roar of a hand grenade
Welcome us on to the death parade,
The pit of gloom—the valley of doom,
The crater—down near Kemmel.
Full many a soldier who's crossed the spray
Must sleep tonight in a bed of clay,
'Tis a pitiless grave for a Brave or Knave
In this crater down near Kemmel.

Hark to the stand to Fusillade;
Sling your rifle, bring your spade,
And fade away ere break of day,
Or a hole you'll fill near Kemmel,
Call the roll—and another name
Is sent to swell the roll of fame,
So we carve a cross to mark the loss
Of a chum who fell near Kemmel,
Not a dead for the paper to write,
No glorious charge in the dawning light,
The "Morning Mail" won't tell the tale
Of the night work there near Kemmel,
But the General knows and his praise we've won,
He's pleased with the work Canadians have done,
In the shot and shell at the gate of Hell,
On the red, red road 'round Kemmel.

—R. G., 26th Batt., M. G. S., Nov. 5.

MORE HONORS FOR THE CANADIANS

Suvla Bay and Anzac Forces Re-Embark With But Small Loss—Canadians Win War Honors in Carrying Barricade.

London, Dec. 20.—Withdrawal of the British troops from the Anzac cove and Suvla Bay regions of the Gallipoli peninsula is announced in a brief official communication given out here this afternoon. Beyond the statement that the movement was effected successfully with small losses, few details are given, and no allusion is made to the allied forces on the Seddul-Bahr front at the tip of the peninsula.

London, Dec. 20.—The following official statement was issued here today: "All the troops at Suvla and Anzac together with their guns and stores, have been successfully transferred, with insignificant losses, to another sphere."

The Suvla Bay and Anzac cove positions are on the north coast of Gallipoli Peninsula. Anzac cove is about sixteen miles from the tip. Suvla Bay is five miles farther on.

As no mention of the allied position in the Seddul-Bahr position, at the tip of the peninsula is made, it is not clear whether the withdrawal of troops indicates a decision to abandon the effort to force the Dardanelles or means merely a readjustment of the allied forces. There had been no previous hint of such a move, although the question has been raised in England, whether, in view of the failure of the allies to make appreciable headway at the Dardanelles and the urgent need for additional troops at Saloniki, the Dardanelles forces would be withdrawn.

Two official Turkish communications received yesterday spoke of heavy firing from land and sea by the allies, but mentioned no movements out of the ordinary, although this bombardment may have been conducted to cover the withdrawal.

New Honors for Canadians.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 20.—The successful attack and capture of an enemy barricade and two prisoners by a Canadian patrol and the award of several medals for distinguished conduct, are the features of the weekly communication to the militia department from the general representative at the front. It says in part: "During the week of December 10-17 the general situation on the Canadian front has remained unchanged. The weather has turned colder, but frequent rain and wind, varied by periods of fog, have rendered conditions continuously unpleasant. Every effort has been made throughout the Canadian area to offset the ravages of the heavy rains. Large working parties have been incessantly employed in draining and clearing out dug-outs, communicating, support and front line trenches, and damage is being repaired as rapidly as possible.

There has been every indication that the enemy has suffered greatly from inclemency of weather. In some places his parapets have collapsed. Sounds of pumping and splashing have been heard from his front trenches. His working parties have been numerous in every section of his line and the Canadian some of his communicating trenches has compelled his soldiers to expose themselves to our fire with increasing frequency.

Our scouts and patrols have been active in securing information and causing loss and annoyance to the enemy. A minor offensive operation was successfully carried out by our fifth western Canada battalion.

A large tree between the opposing front line trenches had been felled by our artillery fire, and had fallen across the road about 100 yards from our lines. The enemy had run saps out towards it, and gradually converted it into a formidable barricade. A patrol under Lieut. John Gall, Strathcona's Horse, had endeavored to examine this barricade a week previously, but on reaching it had been discovered and bombed back by a strong enemy detachment. Further reconnaissances were subsequently undertaken and the barricades were

shelled by our artillery on several occasions.

In the early morning of December 15, the enemy's lines in the vicinity were again heavily bombarded and through co-operation of Lt. Col. R. Brunel, first Canadian Motor machine gun; Captain G. V. Taylor, the third battery field battery, was able to register several direct hits on the barricade. Two attacking parties under Lt. S. Campbell and K. A. Mahaffy, then advanced toward the barricade. A third party under Lieut. E. R. Latter moved out in support. All three parties were under control of Captain G. Jackson. The barricade was reached and taken. Four of the garrison were found to have been killed; two were taken prisoners and sent back to our lines.

The enemy opened a heavy machine gun and anti-aircraft fire, but at daylight the parties returned safely to our trenches. Our only casualties were Lieut. Campbell and one man, both slightly wounded. Among the articles captured was one Ross rifle.

Honors War

A presentation of orders and medals was made on December 19 to some officers and men of the first Canadian division by General Sir Herbert Plummer, K.C.B., commander of the Second Army. The distinguished conduct medal was awarded to Company Sergeant-Major B. Beaton, Company Sergeant-Major J. D. Althorn and Private Donoghue, all of the fourth infantry battalion, for conspicuous gallantry.

In connection with a successful minor operation carried out by our second infantry brigade on Nov. 15, 17 and 18, the following awards were made:

To be companions of the Distinguished Service Order, Lieut.-Col. V. W. Odium, Seventh Battalion; Capt. T. C. Seventh, Tenth Battalion; Lieutenants W. G. Holmes and J. W. Melrose, both Seventh Battalion.

Military crosses—Lieut. A. H. Wright, Seventh Battalion.

A distinguished conduct medal was presented to Sergt. H. Ashby, Sergt. H. Meyerstein, Sergt. R. Robertson and Corporal J. B. Curry, all of the Seventh Battalion.

"CHASING THE DEVIL ROUND THE STUMP"

(Editorial in "Industrial Canada" for December.)

New Brunswick doesn't register or license federally incorporated companies any more—it just taxes them.

The judgement of the privy council in the John Deere case put a serious kink in the acts by which not only New Brunswick but other provinces were attempting to legalize their levies on dominion companies. That judgment established the right of a company holding a dominion charter to do business in every part of Canada and denied the right of any province to require it to become licensed or registered.

Alberta accepted the situation gracefully. Saskatchewan refused to concede a status to any company not incorporated under its own laws. New Brunswick seemingly bowed to the judgement of the king's advisers but made up its mind it wouldn't be balked in attaining its real object, which, after all, was not so much to exercise a measure of control over extra-provincial companies as it was to get money out of them.

Can New Brunswick get away with it? A province certainly has the power to tax, but is the Companies Act the proper statute for enunciating measures of taxation? Is not the very fact that an authority for this tax an admission that it is a bare faced attempt to circumvent the judgment of the privy council?

It is surprising what women can do when the necessity arises and they are given the opportunity to try any kind of work supposed to be beyond their powers. We have heard of women in the harvest field doing all sorts of work there, but that is not an uncommon experience. I have often seen a woman cutting corn with a scythe, and I have come upon one building a stack of corn. It is not a new thing for a blacksmith's wife to bear a hand with the fore-hammer, although that must be very trying work for a woman. But we hear now of the baker's van being driven around the countryside by a woman; and even a grocer's cart is not left unoccupied when a woman can be found who is willing to take it in hand. I begin to think that the greatest difficulty will arise when our boys come marching home again to find their women from the posts they have so worthily filled. And who shall blame these ladies if they tell that they are entitled to some consideration in the matter—Scottish-American.

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GOOD LOOKS TOO VALUABLE TO EVEN BE NEGLECTED

If nature had her way every complexion would be clear and delightful. But many allow their blood to become weak—become pimply, sallow, dark circles under the eyes. To have a beautiful complexion use Ferrero's regularly. It brings rich, ruddy glow to the cheeks, nourishes the blood and thereby destroys humors and pimples, or beauty, health and good spirits use Ferrero's. Your appearance will improve a hundred fold. Fifty cents buys a box of fifty chocolate-coated Ferrero's tablets. Don't put off getting Ferrero's today.

2,500,000 Attested In The Nine Weeks Under Derby Plan

London, Dec. 20.—(Delayed)—James O'Grady, member of parliament for East Leeds, and a member of the joint recruiting committee, contributes an article to the Daily Sketch, recording the progress of enlistment under Earl Derby's scheme.

Mr. O'Grady says that the first week produced only 127 recruits. Matters slowly improved, but even up to the end of November, the response was not satisfactory.

"We therefore resolved," said he, "to bring off a spanking rally, as the result of which the figures jumped from 74,000 on one day to 336,000 on another, and during the last strenuous week 1,537,000 men attested, while during the whole nine weeks of the campaign some 2,500,000 attested."

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR PRIVATE ALBERT STEEVES, OF ALBERT

Hopewell Hill, Dec. 19.—An impressive memorial service for the late Private Albert H. Steeves, of the 26th Battalion, who was killed in Belgium on November 16, was held in the Baptist church here this afternoon, a very large gathering of friends and citizens generally being present.

The pastor of the church, Rev. H. E. DeWolfe, B. A., after announcing the nature of the service, delivered an appropriate and exceedingly impressive address from I Kings 3 and 11. He spoke of the man who was so strong, therefore, and show himself a man. The pastor dwelt with emphasis on the latter words of the text, and paid a high tribute to Private Steeves, whose manliness, and devotion to the cause of truth and right had been so manifestly demonstrated by his life of service and his death in the field of honor in defence of king and country and those principles that make for all that is noble and worthy.

The pastor referred to the high estimate placed on young Steeves' worth by his brother soldiers, who in writing home called him "a good comrade." This meant a great deal, and gave a recommendation that all might wish to deserve. During the service, which was listened to with deep interest by the large congregation, the choir sang the hymns, "Abide With Me, and Fight the Good Fight," and Mrs. DeWolfe sang very beautifully as a solo, "Lead Kindly Light."

Private Steeves, whose death is deeply regretted by friends here, was the third son of James H. Steeves of this place, and was a young man of many fine qualities. He was about twenty-five years of age, and had been living for a time in the States. After the death of his father, he promptly threw up his position and came to St. John, determined to do his bit for his country. While stationed in St. John as a member of the 26th Battalion, he made several visits to his home here and impressed all by his happy disposition and soldierly bearing. While assisting in trench work in Belgium, he was shot through the head, never regaining consciousness. Much sympathy is felt for the family of the deceased young man.

Charlotte-town Young Man Killed.

Charlotte-town, P. E. I., Dec. 21.—James A. MacKenzie, aged nineteen, an employee with Stanley, Shaw & Pearson, hardware merchants, was struck by iron bars which fell from a hook and died this evening as result of accident.

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Some criticism of the plain is heard, chiefly on the ground that it is a "policy of small packets," and that such forces will be placed at General Smith-Dorrien's disposal could easily be employed elsewhere.

Under-estimating Enemy.

Egypt is the particular place the critics have in view. Though the British garrison in that country has been greatly increased, and, in the opinion of the military authorities, is adequate to repel German-Turkish attacks, some authorities hold that the characteristic British habit of despising the enemy

Company, Toronto, has arrived to spend the Christmas vacation with his family here.

E. Y. Harmer and son Serdia left today to spend a few weeks in Boston.

Laughery, of McGill, has returned home to spend the holidays with parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Laughery.

Walter Campbell, who has been a few days with Mrs. J. W. P. here, has returned to her home.

John.

and holding of the William Davies Montreal, is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. ng.

PBELLTON HOUSE DAMAGED BY FIRE

mpbellton, Dec. 21.—(Special)—The department were called out at an hour this morning to a slight blaze in Queen street in a dwelling house owned by Messrs. Harquail and occupied by A. Arseneau. The fire which was confined to the living room was extinguished with little trouble, although the damage was badly gutted. The damage was not heavy.

The excitement was caused this afternoon when a young horse attached to a sleigh took fright at the top of the street and dashed madly down the street. The traffic on the road was heavy, yet there was no accident, animal clearing the passing teams quickly. The horse was finally brought to a standstill at the lower of the town.

Westfield School Closing.

Westfield, Dec. 20.—The school closing on Friday was well attended by the parents and friends of the children. After the usual examination of the different classes by the teacher, the following programme was enjoyed:

Singers—Soldiers of the King, school, Spelling Season, Margaret spie.

Recitation—Laura Second, Olive Por.

Music—Jingle Bells, school.

Recitation—The Night Before Christmas—Margaret Lyon.

Recitation—By classes E. F. G. H.

Recitation—My Dollie, Francis Mach.

Recitation—Allies' Christmas Party, twelve.

Recitation—Loyalty, Ralph Prime.

Song—By seven girls.

Recitation—One Little Hatchet, Ros.

Recitation—Poor Santa Claus, Dorothy.

Recitation—By sixteen boys and girls.

Recitation—O Little Town of Bethlehem, school.

Recitation—Santa Claus Postman, school.

Recitation—A Gift to Santa Claus, Brittain, Alma Harris, Margaret.

Recitation—Save the King.

Recitation—Santa Claus appeared and distributed presents from the prettily decorated tree, which was greatly enjoyed by the children. Miss Olive Por.

On behalf of the scholars, presented teacher, Miss Langley, with a beautiful book of Longfellow's "The Wreck of the Old Ship," and a copy of the school again after the hour.

Centreville School Closing.

Centreville, Charlott Co., Dec. 20.—The superior school closed on Friday for the public examinations being held in forenoon. The principal, Alonzo Stiles, B.A., of Riverside, Albert, and the primary teacher, Miss M. A. Andrews, will both be at the school for the holidays.

The following are the names of the pupils making the highest standing in their respective grades on the work of the year:

Grade X—1st, Russell W. Kennedy; 2nd, J. H. Smith; 3rd, J. H. Smith; 4th, J. H. Smith; 5th, J. H. Smith; 6th, J. H. Smith; 7th, J. H. Smith; 8th, J. H. Smith; 9th, J. H. Smith; 10th, J. H. Smith.

Frederick News.

Frederick, N. B., Dec. 21.—Lieut. R. McFarlane of this city, has been appointed to a provisional lieutenantcy in the 10th and will report at Sussex on Monday.

Am Haines of Gibson died this morning, aged seventy-five. He is survived by his wife, two daughters and sons. He enlisted in a Maine regiment during the American Civil War and served five years.

Private Clark said today that the report had been received by the command and would be headed to the front at St. John by Hon. Mr. Baxter. The merchants report Christmas very quiet so far.

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