

SOLDIERS GET GREAT WELCOME ON ARRIVAL HOME YESTERDAY

Mayor Hayes, Reception Committee, Brass Band and Thousands of Citizens at Union Depot Yesterday Afternoon—Heroes Who Have Done Their "Bit" in Great War Happy to Get Home.

The monster Cunard liner Aquitania arrived at Halifax at six o'clock Saturday morning after a six-day journey across the Atlantic. The Aquitania carried five thousand soldiers, one hundred and seventy being from this district.

The New Brunswick contingent left Halifax at two o'clock Sunday morning, discharging en route all soldiers at whose station the troop train passed. A through train left Moncton at 2:15 yesterday afternoon and when it pulled into the Union Depot at 4:35 was greeted by one of the largest crowds the depot has seen for many a year, fully three thousand relatives and friends being on hand to give the boys a warm welcome home.

The Depot Battalion Band was on hand and the official greeting was given by His Worship the Mayor, various representatives of the welcoming committee, who distributed cigars, cigarettes, fruit and chocolates to the boys. Charles Robinson, secretary of the Returned Soldiers' Commission, was there to help the boys and to him is due in a great measure the credit of having seen a splendid attendance at the station as he personally advised the different clerical men throughout the city to tell the congregation of the coming of the train and the approximate hour of its arrival.

The local men were soon engaged in the arms of their families and the supper hour and evening afterwards was surely a joyous time in many St. John homes.

The men for points north were paraded to the clearing depot and spent the night there, but though many staidy indoors during the day of the morning's parade, quite a number toured the town, glad to be back on the native soil again and trying to find some difference in St. John, but most of them were of the opinion that "it is the same old town."

Private H. L. Holbourne, 27 Hanover street, who returned yesterday, signed up in 1916, crossed to England with the 15th Battalion, later being attached to the 14th Battalion, and was used as a supply for the famous Fighting 26th. In November he was sent across to France with a draft for the 24th and with that battalion went through the fighting at Arras, Amiens and Cambrai. On September 22 last, at Amiens, he was hit by shrapnel in the left arm, but remained on duty and four weeks later was given his final disability in a bad attack of gas.

Private A. M. Harvey, 27 Hanover street, is a brother-in-law of Mr. Holbourne. He went overseas in July, 1916, was attached to the 13th Reserve and in the course of time found himself in the front line with the 26th Battalion. He was in at the finish of the Vimy Ridge fighting and was wounded in the right arm at Hill 70, Amiens, Arras and Cambrai. His first wound was received at Leveque, near Hill 70, on the Vimy ridge, and he was wounded in the right arm and the men who were sent to help him out were killed outright.

Private Martin managed to get clear but was badly wounded and so far from his own lines that he reported "I" at the dressing station of the 26th Battalion, a Halifax unit, instead of his own. Calling to turn up, his own unit had given up hopes of hearing from him and for eight days he was officially considered killed in action. A record of 14 months in France. Three brothers-in-law are also veterans of the great war.

Private J. W. Dugan, 113 Princess street, went over last summer with a draft from Montreal, landing in England but a short time before the armistice was signed.

Drum-Major H. Cannon, 36 Crown street, went overseas as drum major of the 16th Battalion in October, 1916. Later he was appointed drum major of the Princess Pats, the only Canadian battalion that carried its ensign into the line. At times during the past two years he has had as many as twenty drummers and buglers in his band and its services were required at all the military ceremonies in the country. Though not enabled to take part in the fighting along the line Drum Major Cannon is very proud of having served with one of the finest regiments in the army.

Private L. Austin, 316 Duke street, crossed in March, 1916, with the second Construction Corps and after spending eight months in English training camps crossed to France. His work was mostly around the base at Etaples and he had some exciting experiences during the many air raids at that place. Other members of the corps who arrived yesterday were P. W. Thomas, 229 Pitt street, and H. McCarthy, 289 Pitt street.

H. P. Goodspeed, 122 Bridge street, has two gold stripes on his sleeve showing that on two occasions he suffered damage from Hun bullets. Mr. Goodspeed enlisted with the 15th Battalion in England with that unit. In April of 1917 he crossed to France, and on May 26th was sent to the 26th Battalion, serving with that unit until he was wounded a second time at the battle of Arras in August last. The first scrap he was in was Hill 70 and from that until he left the lines for good he was in all the big fights. He took part in the retreat of March last, and also in the come-back, being at Amiens and Arras when the Hun was driven back.

He wears the Belgian Croix de Guerre for good work done at Passchendaele, but like all heroes was reluctant to take the honor which was the coveted one. Twice he was wounded, the first time on July 20, 1917, but this was a slight wound and only kept him from the battalion eight days. The second wound was received on August 28, 1918, in the right knee and arm, and he will carry the marks of this to his grave.

Another hero who reached home yesterday was George Burton, 62 Main street, who was in France from April 15, 1918, until about a week before the armistice was signed, when he was wounded and invalided to England. Mr. Burton crossed to England with the 58th Toronto battalion, and served with them all through the fighting of 1916-17 and 1918 without a scratch. In the Somme he had a narrow escape, being wounded by a bullet which grazed his head, and he was sent to England. His battalion was in the third Canadian division and took part in all the big battles. He got his baptism of fire at Caucourt Wood in June, 1916. In 1916 at the battle of the Somme, he had a narrow escape, being buried by the explosion of a high explosive shell, but was dug out before any damage was done. In March last, when the big German offensive began, Mr. Burton was due for a leave, and was at Boulogne to cross to England, with a number of his mates in the battalion, instead of a furlough, however, they received word to travel back to the front line, and in a few hours they were on the front line and the Hun was beaten and cried for mercy. During the time the British troops were retreating, and it seemed as though the Germans were about to win through, he said the army never got discouraged and the usual expression heard was that Poch knew what he was about, while the Hun might bend it would not break, and would soon snap back into place again.

Canadian soldiers had made a great reputation and were classed as the troops that never tired for an objective without getting it.

Private Albert Burridge, Plaster Rock, went overseas with the 6th Battalion in 1916 and after a four months' stay in England proceeded to France with the 24th, the brother New Brunswick battalion. He fought at the battle of St. Eloi, Sanctuary Wood and the Somme where he received considerable shrapnel wounds through his right hand, taking away his little finger and the third joint of the second finger. He was wounded in the right arm and the first joint of the second finger near the front of the hand. He was moved down by enemy air raids in one day.

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REPUBLICANS HAVE THE UPPER HAND IN PORTUGAL UPRISING

Many Monarchists Taken Prisoners at Monsanto Hill—Royalist Movement at Oporto Being Quelled by Republicans—Movement Stamped Out in Lisbon—Former King Reported to Have Entered Portugal.

Madrid, Jan. 25.—The Republicans have captured Monsanto Hill, with a large number of Monarchist prisoners, according to despatches from Lisbon. The remainder of the Monarchist forces are being driven back to Oporto. Among the prisoners are Hyres Ornelas, representative of former King Manuel, Count de Albuquerque, and other nobles. The Republicans are in the north, which was restricted to Oporto and Braga, is now being put down by the concentration of the royalist forces. The movement has been completely stamped out in Lisbon, where some infantry, cavalry and artillery occupied the two forts of Monsanto Hill and the Duke, and hoisted the Royalist flag on Wednesday. These forces surrendered last night. Troops from Lisbon are now proceeding to the north. A despatch from Lisbon reports that Ayres Ornelas, former King Manuel's representative, was killed in the fight on Monsanto Hill.

King in Portugal. Vigo, Spain, Jan. 25.—Former King Manuel is reported to have entered Portugal at six o'clock this morning, having crossed the Minho River at Caminha. The private secretary of King Manuel of Portugal is authority for the statement that Manuel is still in Portugal, and that he does not intend to go to Portugal. On the other hand, close friends of the former king, who had left England, refused today to comment on the report that he had entered Portugal.

BOLSHEVISM NOT QUITE KILLED TO VISIT QUEBEC

Count Von Bernstorff Believes Germany is Becoming Stabilized and Entitled to Place in League of Nations.

Berlin, Jan. 25.—(By The Associated Press)—The foreign office is greatly interested in press despatches from Russia today saying that Germany and Russia are only to be admitted to the League of Nations when their political situations have reached stability. Count Von Bernstorff today informed the correspondent that the foreign office officials, and other high personages are unanimously of the opinion that this situation, if it has not already been attained, will be completely solved with the meeting of the assembly.

"It is true that there is much economic disorganization in Germany today," said Count Von Bernstorff, "but the conditions are such that the last Sunday affords evidence of stability in political conditions which is highly gratifying to us. It is too early to say that communism or Bolshevism is quite killed, but, undoubtedly, the determined measures taken against it by the provisional government have rendered it practically powerless and that in the face of decided expression of the popular will evidenced by the elections, communism has ceased to be a serious political factor."

LEO MCGUIRE BADLY INJURED Received Fracture of Skull While Working on Board Ship Yesterday.

Leo McGuire, who resides on the West Side, while at work in the winter of 1918, was yesterday suffering from a fracture of the skull, and injuries from which he may not recover. Mr. McGuire was aiding the workmen in placing a gang plank on a steamer which was being hauled by a mine sweeper now in port, and it came back on his head from the head from which he suffered a fracture of the skull, and a piece of shrapnel was driven into his head. He was removed to the infirmary and Dr. W. White called. His parents at Loch Lomond were communicated with last evening and they reached his bedside Sunday afternoon. A peculiar feature of his injuries is the fact that the injured man was working on the ship after being hurt, and later in the infirmary recognized all his relatives who were at his bedside.

MANY PERISHED WITH GERMAN SUBS

London, Jan. 25.—Of the 308 German submarines lost during the war, it is estimated here, semi-officially, that 120 were sunk with all on board, and that in the others an average of half the crews perished.

LATE SHIPPING

Steamer arrivals—Liverpool, Jan. 26—Arrived, St. Scandinavia, St. John, N. B. Arr. Str. War Pylas, Halifax, N. S. Portland, Me., Jan. 25.—S.M. Schr. Pochasse, (from New York) for St. John. Vineyard Haven, Mass., Jan. 25.—Arr. Schr. Margaret May Riley, Lunenburg, N. S., for New Haven.

ADEQUATE TROOPS WILL BE MAINTAINED TO ENFORCE RIGHTS

London, Jan. 25.—Anticipating an announcement to be made Thursday by a conference of Sir Eric Geddes, former First Lord of the Admiralty, Field Marshal Haig and Major General Henry H. Denny, chief of the general staff of the British army, now meeting in Paris, a statement, issued by the War Office tonight, says: "The proposals of the conference will make sure that we have in every theatre of the war sufficient forces, during the present year, to see that they are not robbed of our victories, and the German and Austro-Hungarian forces will be made to execute, faithfully and punctually, the conditions, not only of the armistice, but the treaty of peace, when that is signed, and they will also enable us to discharge our own duty towards our Allies and those dependent upon it."

NURSES WILL ATTEND

There will be three local V. A. D. nurses in attendance at the Union Depot on the arrival of the train from Halifax, which brings the medical officers, nurses and patients from the hospital ship Essequibo early this morning.

SOLDIER DIES FROM POISON

Frank Liquor Purchased from Halifax Bootlegger Which Caused His Death—Others Very Sick from Same Cause.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, N. B., Jan. 26.—Pte. William Scoble, who arrived at Halifax on Saturday morning, on the steamer Aquitania, from overseas, died in the morgue here as the result of drinking some concoction called "rye whiskey," and which companions of the dead man say was purchased from the bootleggers at Halifax. Pte. Scoble died on the military special shortly before arrival at Moncton, and the body was taken off here to await further instructions from the military authorities. Private Scoble, who was about 35 years old, was last with the 18th Battalion at the front. He enlisted at Victoria, B. C., in 1914, and a brother lives. He was a native of Scotland. From what can be learned from returned men on the same train as Pte. Scoble, it appears that Pte. Scoble and two others purchased a bottle of liquor called "rye whiskey" from bootleggers, before reaching Halifax. One of the party, the purchase headed the warning the soldiers had received not to touch this so-called "rye whiskey" sold at Halifax, and refused to touch the bottle. The other two were so careful, but finished the whole bottle before they reached Amherst, and the result that Pte. Scoble died, and the other man was violently ill, but survived the effects of the poison.

Gilmour's, 68 King St.

THE WEATHER

Maritime—Moderate westerly wind, fair and mild. Washington, Jan. 26.—Northern New England: Fair Monday and Tuesday; moderate temperatures; fresh west winds.

Table with weather forecasts for various locations including Toronto, Victoria, Vancouver, Kamloops, Edmonton, Calgary, Battleford, Prince Albert, The Pas, Port Arthur, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, and Belovvero.

SOLDIER BEFORE COURT MARTIAL

Pte. Edward Belfleur Tried on Serious Charge of Desertion Was Acquitted—W. E. McMonagle Here for Defence.

Pte. Edward Belfleur was acquitted of the charge of deserting His Majesty's Service before a District Court Martial, held at the Army on Saturday morning. Pte. Belfleur was recently apprehended by a Dominion Police Constable while working in the woods in Victoria County, and was brought to the city. W. E. McMonagle, who addressed the board in the interest of the accused, stated that it was not shown by the prosecution that the accused had intended to desert his unit when he left, but had been granted a furlough in the month of May with the understanding that if he had not sufficient time to do the farm work, and further extensions were granted, he would be entitled to re-appear on the furlough. The verdict of the board was that the accused was acquitted.

PERSONALS

Rev. Father P. R. Healy, C. S. S. R., of St. Peter's Parish, leaves this evening for Toronto on a short visit. Rev. Father George Daley, C. S. S. R., of St. Peter's, is at the present time in Glouce Bay, N. S., where he is conducting a mission.

LEAVE THE RHINE

Cologne, Germany, Jan. 24, via London, Jan. 26.—(Canadian Press Despatch from Reuter's Limited)—The Canadian contingent is about to leave Germany and Bonn, which has been their headquarters since they came to the banks of the Rhine.

ALL HELPS

One industrious work-gardener was pictured as working busily and being on the verge of raising his own food-supply. This was before the war ended. "If everybody grew his own vegetables and ate less meat," he soliloquized, "I could put old Bill on the bum in a hurry. This is tough work, but I stick to it if it kills me. I'm with Hoover on this."

CAN'T AGREE TO CEDE ISLANDS

Paris, Jan. 25.—M. Tschircher, the Bolshevik Foreign Minister, has sent a wireless message to the Soviet representative in Sweden, asking confirmation of the decision of the Supreme Council of the Peace Conference in Russia to cede to the Japanese Princes' Island. M. Tschircher's message declares that "Princes' Islands are too remote for such a meeting."

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