

HOME LIVES OF BRITISH PRISONERS ARE SACRIFICED BY GERMANS Canadians Carry Out Successful Reconnaissance Operation FORTIFICATIONS OF GORIZIA ARE SEPT AWAY BY ITALIAN BOMBARDMENT

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PRISONERS OF WAR TREATED AS CRIMINALS

American Investigator Reports
on Revolting Conditions at
Wittenberg Camp.

MEN ALLOWED TO DIE

Fifty British Captives Sacrificed
to Typhoid—Dogs
Tear Men's Clothing.

LONDON, Nov. 21.—The British press has published the reports of James W. Gerard, the American ambassador to Germany and member of the embassy staff in Berlin, relative to the condition of British prisoners of war in the camp at Wittenberg, Prussia.

Lithgow Osborne reported that his whole impression of the camp authorities was utterly unlike that which he had received in every other camp he visited. Instead of regarding their charges as honorable prisoners of war, he stated they apparently regarded them as criminals whom a regime of fear alone sufficed to keep in obedience.

All evidence of kindly human feeling between the authorities and the prisoners was lacking, said Mr. Osborne, "and in no other camp have I found signs of fear on the part of the prisoners that what they might say would result in suffering for them afterwards."

Worse Than Reported.

The following extracts are taken from Ambassador Gerard's report: "I regret to state that after a careful examination of the camp and long conversations with the prisoners, my impression is even more unfavorable than I had been led to expect."

"Upon my arrival at the camp I was not received by the general who acts as commandant, but by a major."

"There are about 4000 British prisoners in the camp, of whom 278 are British. Among these I found only 16 overcoats. The men, on the whole, are uncleanly clothed."

"The men told me that one of the British medical officers in the camp recently was shot by a German soldier and his dog was used for this purpose, and they informed me that they considered it absolutely necessary that German soldiers on duty, I was shown half-a-dozen of these dogs, which were sacrificed to disease."

"Two prisoners informed me that the conditions here had been steadily and unquestionably improved during the last few months; that last year, when an epidemic of spotted typhus occurred, the camp conditions were indescribably bad. They said that they then implored the German authorities to order that the camp be cleaned up by themselves, as this was the only way to prevent an outbreak of the epidemic which had been brought to the camp by Russians. This request was refused on the ground that the British should learn to know their allies better. Largely because of this 40 British military prisoners, and nine civilians died of the disease."

"The attitude toward the British prisoners seems to be based on suspicion. They have no opportunity for being taken out for exercise except walking. I am sending a check for 2000 marks to Capt. Vidal to be spent for immediate relief."

"Sir Edward Grey, after commenting severely on the facts mentioned, says that he much appreciates Ambassador Gerard's action in visiting the camp personally, and asks Walter Hines Page to convey to Mr. Gerard his cordial thanks for the reports."

COMPLIMENTARY CONCERT DELIGHTED LARGE CROWD

Many Out to Enjoy Testimonial
to William Campbell by Toronto Artists.

With fifteen of Toronto's prominent artists on an extensive program, the complimentary concert tendered to William Campbell at Massey Hall on Saturday night was attended by a large crowd and they were in no way disappointed.

The Adams and Adams Quartet were well at the front and notwithstanding the fact that a large card on the stage requested the audience not to ask for encores the former, as well as several other artists, were recalled in the appreciative audience.

Miss Edith M. Parker won instant approval with Harry Day's duet, as did Miss Beatrice Hunter with "The Boatman's Song" by Noyan.

Miss Nellie McGhie proved an excellent instrumentalist, and Miss Marguerite Boyle, Miss Kathleen English, Miss Isabelle Alexander, elocutionists of merit.

Mrs. Mary Bruce Brown and Miss Maude Cameron both sang patriotic numbers. Chas. Conway and C. Le Roy Kennedy sang songs of laughter with character and humorous sketches.

James Fiddes, Manley Sherriss, Harry D. Mills and Ruthven McDonald played in selections from their extensive repertoires.



BLOCKADE TO FORCE KING TO DEMOBILIZE

Allies Desire to Take Into Account
Embarrassments of Grecian
Monarch.

LONDON, Nov. 22.—The Times, in an editorial today, says it considers the reports of a prospective blockade of Greece greatly exaggerated. While Greece's attitude is still doubtful, the newspaper adds, it would be natural for the entente allies, who control the sea routes, to consider the expediency of stopping the further passage of military and other supplies to Greece, but no extreme steps have yet been taken.

The entente allies, The Times continues, recognize that King Constantine is in a difficult position. They desire to take his embarrassments fully into account, and should Greece agree to demobilize it would instantly relieve the crisis and solve the awkward constitutional question presented by the impending elections.

GREAT WELCOME GIVEN HEROES AT LONDON, ONT.

Ten Thousand Gathered at Station
to Honor Returned
Soldiers.

LONDON, Ont., Nov. 21.—Ten thousand people, it is estimated, were at the G. T. R. station tonight to welcome home from the front 88 western Ontario soldiers. The men were accorded a memorable demonstration. The reception was arranged by London's Sportsmen's Patriotic Association, and the civic authorities joined in the reception. The entire party was languished at the Tecumseh House, after which those requiring immediate medical examination were removed to the soldiers' convalescent home in South London.

GORIZIA'S FORTS DESTROYED BY ITALIANS' GUNS

Fortifications Almost All
Demolished by Terrific Bom-
bardment.

CITY SEEMS DOOMED

Infantry of Italy Begins Suc-
cessful Attack on Nearby
Onslava Heights.

LONDON, Nov. 21.—A Geneva despatch says: It is reported unofficially in despatches from Laibach, Austria, that the fortifications of Gorizia have been almost destroyed by the Italian artillery.

Gorizia Heavily Shelled.

Intense bombardment of Austrian positions in the Gorizia zone by Italian artillery continues, according to the official statement issued today at the headquarters of the general staff. A successful attack was begun north-west of Onslava and Italian infantry obtained a firm footing on part of the summit of Monte San Michele.

The text of the communication follows: "In the Cordevole valley, after an intense artillery preparation, the enemy launched large forces in an attack on the summit of Monte Colombine but was repulsed. In a counter-attack he was put to flight with great loss, leaving on the field arms, munitions and hand bombs."

"Along the Isonzo front the struggle continued vigorously yesterday in the Zagora sector we took by assault a strong barrier in the Poggio valley, making 37 prisoners."

"In the Gorizia zone the intense bombardment by our artillery continues. We have begun successfully an attack on the heights northeast of Onslava."

"On the Carso plateau, after a brilliant assault, our infantry got a footing on a portion of the top of Monte San Michele."

"Aerial raids continue. One aviator was brought down by our anti-aircraft guns in the Milegna zone on the plateau northwest of the Arserio. The pilot and observer were found dead. One of our air squadrons flew yesterday over the enemy's aviation camp at Asseseva, throwing more than 100 bombs, and causing important damage. Our aviators returned safely."

Success Admitted.

The Austrian official statement admits that the Italians won a success on the heights of Onslava, where they captured one summit. The official statement issued from Vienna tonight says that the Italians succeeded in extricating the Austrian lines of defence in the Onslava sector, but they recaptured the position in a counter-attack. The entire party was languished at the Tecumseh House, after which those requiring immediate medical examination were removed to the soldiers' convalescent home in South London.



Part of the crowd which turned out yesterday to welcome 140 wounded men who returned from the front.

DRUG USER TURNED DOWN FOR COLORS

Habit Proved a Bar to Joining
for Overseas
Service.

PAY OF NEWLY-WEDS

Allowances Granted for Those
Who Marry Within Three
Weeks.

HAMILTON, Monday, Nov. 22.—That one of the hindrances to recruiting in this city is the use of dope and drink among the young men, is a statement that emanates from the armories. One particular case was that of a young man of well-to-do parents, who presented himself at the 91st recruiting office for enlistment. He passed the height and sight test but when it came to a full examination it was discovered that his arm was full of holes and marked by bluish black spots. The examining doctor was forced to reject him. The young man demanded to know why they would not accept him and offered several different excuses for the marks but they were of no avail. In speaking of the incident to the chief recruiting officer, he stated that another drug fiend had recently applied to him for enlistment.

Whole Staff With Colors.

The 88th Battalion had a short route march thru the city Saturday afternoon, when they dismissed for the afternoon.

Three Sons Serving.

The Rev. Canon Daw now has three sons on active service. Fred Daw is with the British forces in the Dardanelles, Ford Daw is in France, and Herbert Daw, a young lawyer in this city, is with the 58th Battalion. The chief recruiting officer made an explanation Saturday of separation in a low-voice for newly-weds among the volunteers. He stated that soldiers enlisting must marry within 21 days of their enlistment in order that wives might benefit by the government separation allowance.

Drum-head service was held at the armories yesterday for all the soldiers of the different regiments stationed there, with the exceptions of the Catholic members of the different units, who attended mass at St. Mary's Cathedral.

Rev. Dr. Renison, chaplain of the 88th Battalion, preached to them.

Recruiting maintained the usual advance on Saturday. About 25 men applied at the different recruiting offices, and the majority of them passed the doctor.

TRUSTEES WILL BE OPPOSED THIS YEAR

Agitation Over School Buildings
Stirs the Citizens to
Action.

HAMILTON, Nov. 22.—The agitation in connection with the board of education and certain school buildings this year has resulted in several citizens seriously considering the proposition of opposing some of the trustees who have been returned by acclamation year after year. It has been announced that W. D. Connor, East Barton street, will be a candidate for school trustee in Ward 7.

WEST WILL RAISE BANTAM BATTALION

Sir Sam Hughes Accedes to Re-
quest From Vic-
toria, B.C.

By a Staff Reporter.

OTTAWA, Nov. 21.—An application has been received by Gen. Sam Hughes from Victoria, B.C., asking permission to form a Bantam Battalion for the front, enlisting only men who are below 5 feet 4 inches in height. The minister of militia at once acceded to the request.

Commanding officers have been appointed for every battalion now up to the 141st. These will be announced shortly.

It was stated tonight that if the method of recruiting battalions and sending them forward as units instead of splitting them up into drafts had been adhered to from the first there would now be 200 regiments fully recruited and officered by the Dominion.

MEN ON GUARD DUTY
WILL GO TO FRONT

Sir Sam Hughes to Replace Them
With Returned
Soldiers.

By a Staff Reporter.

OTTAWA, Ont., Nov. 21.—"Men who are doing guard duty in Canada are going forward or going out," said Sir Sam Hughes this evening. He intimated that he expected them to enlist for overseas service and their places as guards will be taken whenever possible by returned soldiers, who are incalculable for active service.

There are about ten thousand men doing guard duty throughout the Dominion.

CHICAGO BIKE RACE.

CHICAGO, Nov. 21.—Mitten and Hansen, the Iowa-Danish team, were leading by a lap in the six-day bicycle race at six o'clock tonight, the 44th hour of the contest. Close in pursuit were Cameron and Kaiser, the New York team. The leaders at six o'clock had covered 918 miles and 7 laps, while the last one of the fifteen teams had covered 914 miles and 5 laps.

WOUNDED HEROES WELCOMED HOME

Part of the crowd which turned out yesterday to welcome 140 wounded men who returned from the front.

BRITISH FEAT DONE BY PARTY OF CANADIANS

German Trench, Heavily
Manned, Penetrated, Twelve
Prisoners Taken.

INFORMATION GAINED
Enemy Greatly Hampered by
Snipers and Ar-
tillery.

OTTAWA, Nov. 21.—The minister of militia, Major-Gen. Sir Sam Hughes, tonight received the following communique from Sir Max Aitken, the Canadian record officer, now serving with the Canadian army corps in France:

"Canadian General Headquarters in France, Nov. 20.—During the week of Nov. 12-18 the general situation on the Canadian front remained unchanged. Weather conditions showed an improvement over the preceding week. The temperature was generally lower with occasional frosts at night. Heavy rainstorms were less frequent."

"Good progress has been made by our working parties in the improvement and drainage of our trenches, and, profiting by recent experiences, measures are being taken to guard against any further flooding of sections of our lines owing to abnormal rains."

"The enemy does not yet appear to have completed repairs to his trenches and sounds of pumping and balling continue to be heard. His working parties on several occasions have been dispersed by the fire of our artillery and machine gun batteries."

"Owing to the poor state of his communicating trenches the enemy has been forced to show himself in the open more frequently than usual. Full advantage has been taken of this condition by our snipers, with good results. Retaliation by the enemy snipers has been generally ineffective. There has been considerable artillery activity on the part of the enemy, but on each occasion our artillery has reduced the hostile batteries to silence."

"A bright moon and the marshy condition of the land between the opposing trenches have added to the difficulties of night patrol work."

"In order to gain information a minor operation was undertaken by our second brigade on the night of Nov. 16-17 against two points on the enemy's front line. Small parties of our 5th Western Canada and 7th British Columbia Battalions were selected for the enterprise and for several days previously underwent special training and preparation. On the afternoon of Nov. 16, our artillery cut the German wire opposite the points of attack. The wire was cut in other places also in order to mislead the enemy. The operation was somewhat with the wire cutting operations in front of our Seventh Battalion and scout companies. These scouts under command of Lieut. W. Holmes, 7th Battalion, remained out for three hours, telephone wires in cutting three lanes thru the German wire without attracting attention."

"At 2:30 on the morning of Nov. 17, the two parties moved forward, the 5th Battalion party under command of Lieutenants J. E. Purcell and K. W. Campbell was checked in front of the enemy's parapet by a ditch 12 feet wide. Both officers entered the ditch which was shoulder high with water, and found the bottom entangled with barbed wire. Efforts were made to overcome this obstacle but without success."

"The German trenches were then bombed from positions close to the ditch causing casualties among the enemy. The party returned safely to our trenches."

"The 7th Battalion party, consisting of brigade bombers under Capt. C. T. Costigan and fliers under Lieuts. Wrightson and Macfarlay, reached the enemy's parapet unobserved under cover of a heavy rainstorm and entered the trench. A telephone wire was carried with the party and touch was maintained throughout with Lieut.-Col. Odium in our front trenches. The party bombarded its way down German trenches and communicating trenches. Many Germans were bayoneted or killed by bombs in their dug-outs. Twelve prisoners were taken."

"This objective having been achieved, our party was then recalled by prearranged signals and returned to its trenches with its prisoners. Our casualties were one accidentally killed and one wounded."

"Artillery Shelled Trenches.

"During the above operation our artillery prevented the enemy in adjoining trenches from rendering assistance at the point of attack. On the return of our party our artillery shelled heavily the German front line trenches and all roads, tracks and communicating trenches along which reinforcements might be seen."

"Retaliation by the enemy's artillery was weak. The prisoners taken afforded useful information as to the composition of the forces opposing us. In anticipation of an attack the enemy had manned his trenches, thereby affording our party an exceptional opportunity for taking prisoners and inflicting loss."

"Field Marshal Sir John French sent a message congratulating our troops on the success of this enterprise."

"The health and spirits of our troops remain excellent."

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TRAIN HITS STREET CAR.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Nov. 20.—A passenger train on the Nickel Plate Railway struck a street car at a crossing here this afternoon. There were 12 people in the car. Two women had been taken out badly injured. Several were feared dead.

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