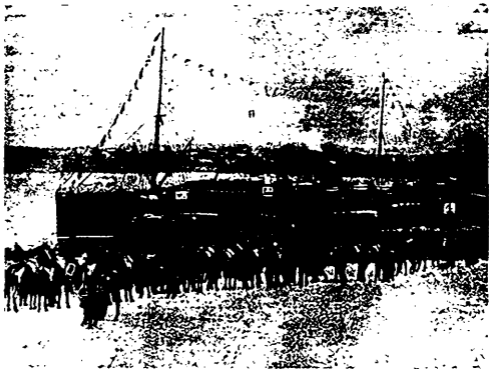


being conferred on the City of London Imperial Volunteers. This is the highest honor an old country city can bestow upon man or woman. This war has, in all parts of the Empire, given the lie to the old sneer that the Volunteers were merely play soldiers and Saturday afternoon holiday picnickers. We believe we are justified in saying that every volunteer corps of white men within the Empire has contributed its quota of men at the front. Our own countrymen have done well in this regard, and since our last issue a long list of Canadians killed and wounded has

behind the Naval Battery. The middies had brought a sucking-pig in a barrel and placed it behind the battery. A shell burst under the barrel, throwing it high in the air, and the pig was blown out. He came to the ground squealing terribly, and was so badly injured that he had to be killed." Of the fatality following the same gentleman writes: "The shell came through the Royal Hotel when correspondents and officers were at dinner. It entered by the roof and passed out by the front door, where it burst, taking off the legs of Dr Stark, the naturalist, who died two



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filled many a home with sorrow and has told the tale of gallant deeds done on behalf of the Empire.

Our second illustration depicts the departure of the second contingent from Halifax.

Two incidents relating to the long-maintained siege of Ladysmith furnish our two succeeding illustrations, both the product of the pencil of Mr. Geo. Lynch, the special artist of the *Illustrated London News*. In his letter descriptive of the first incident, Mr. Lynch says: "A couple of days ago a shell thrown by Long Tom, the Boer 94-pounder on Pepworth's Hill, burst just

hours later. Three others were wounded."

That a war correspondent's life is not the one of comparative safety that many people imagine, is further demonstrated in our illustration on page 54 in which another correspondent of the *London News* is seen in decidedly uncomfortable proximity to a bursting shell.

The maintenance of communication between the forces at the front and the base of operations is the all-important factor in war to-day, and the part played by the field telegraph in this connection will be apparent to the most casual observer.