

SIR JOHN FRENCH SAYS GOOD-BYE TO ARMY IN WEST

Praises Indomitable Spirit, and Heroic Courage of Officers and Men, and Expresses Firm Conviction Glorious Ending Not Far Distant—Tribute to Men who Have Laid Down Lives.

London, Dec. 19.—Field Marshal Sir John French issued the following official order of the day yesterday, before leaving the army on the western front:

"In relinquishing command of the British army in France, I wish to express to the officers, the non-commissioned officers and men, with whom I have been so closely associated during the last sixteen months, my heartfelt sorrow in parting with them before the campaign, in which we have been so long engaged together, has been brought to a victorious conclusion.

"I have, however, the finest conviction that such a glorious ending to their splendid and heroic efforts is not far distant, and I shall watch their progress towards this final goal with intense interest, but in the most confident hope. The success so far attained has been due to the indomitable spirit and dogged tenacity, which knows no defeat, and the heroic cour-

age, so abundantly displayed by the rank and file of the splendid army, which it will ever remain the pride and glory of my life to have commanded during over sixteen months of incessant fighting.

"The regulars and the territorialists of the old army and the new army have ever shown these magnificent qualities in equal degree. From my heart I thank them all.

"At this sad moment of parting my heart goes out to those who have received life long injury from wounds, and I think, with sorrow, of that great and glorious host of my beloved comrades who have made the greatest sacrifice of all, by laying down their lives for their country.

"In saying good bye to the British army in France, I ask them once again to accept this expression of my deepest gratitude and heartfelt devotion towards them, and my earnest

STEALING A RIDE THREE HARVESTERS KILLED IN COLLISION

Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—Three harvesters, Adam Holmes, Seaford, Ont., George Lynch and D. H. Leach, Bay-Ont., were killed last night, when the first section of train No. 2, due at ten forty-two p. m., struck a switch engine on the main track half a mile west of Fort William. The men killed were apparently stealing a ride on the platform of the mail car of the eastbound train. The switch engine was on the track in violation of rules. Engineer Eokes of the switch engine was seriously hurt.

The Parisian Girls in New Programme.

The Parisian Girls at the Opera House make another change in the programme tonight and offer the lively comedy, "Follies of the Past", with all new musical selections, dances, costumes and comedy. There will be a matinee tomorrow, Wednesday and Thursday.

good wishes for a glorious future, which I feel to be assured.

"J. D. P. FRENCH,
Field Marshal
Commander-in-Chief, British Army in France."

First of Lord Derby's Recruits Called Out; Include Four Classes

Unmarried men 19 to 22 years of age ordered to be ready to begin service January 20.

London, Dec. 18.—The British public was surprised today by the appearance of a royal proclamation in public places calling out four classes of Derby recruits. It is inferred from this move that the Derby campaign was successful.

The classes called out are groups 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the Derby recruits. The announcement placarded by the war office, stated that their service will begin on January 20.

These groups are composed of unmarried men from 19 to 22 years of age.

Lord Derby, director of recruiting, and Ben Tillett, secretary of the Dock Workers Union, representing the opposite poles of social and political life, appeared on the same platform in a music hall meeting here today, when Tillett described his recent visit to

the British front. The Earl of Derby, who presided, said, in introducing the speaker:

"When it comes to the question of the number of men who have enlisted, I must not anticipate, in any way, what will be said Tuesday by the Prime Minister. I think the country will feel, when he makes that statement that the heart of the country is right.

"I hope the new year will show a brighter outlook than is discernible at the present moment. Probably, the result will come sooner than many expect, but not sooner than they hope—a result which will be a victory for the Allied forces. I am not the least pessimistic about the future."

The Acadian Battalion.

Dairy Inspector L. C. Daigle, of Moncton, who was in the city Saturday night, said the outlook for raising a French-Canadian regiment was very promising. Mr. Daigle is of the opinion that the difficulties occasioned through lack of qualified officers among the Acadians will shortly be overcome. He is now in charge of the preliminary work of organization and will be in command of the battalion.

FISHERIES OF CANADA VERY VALUABLE ASSET

Exceptional opportunities for Canning Fish for overseas not being taken advantage of.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—The total market value of all kinds of fish taken by Canadian fishermen from the sea and inland lakes and rivers during the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1914, amounted to \$33,207,748. The number of men engaged by the industry was 100,669, and the building of vessels, gasoline and ordinary fishing boats, and their necessary equipment furnished subsidiary employment in other directions.

"Official investigation has demon-

strated that Canada possesses the most extensive fisheries in the world," says D. H. Ross, the Canadian trade commissioner in Australia, "hence it appears a remarkable anomaly that with two notable exceptions, no concerted effort has yet been made to develop the inland or coastal industry by canning fish for export overseas.

"The obvious exceptions are canned salmon from British Columbia and lobsters from Nova Scotia, which are well known in Australia as two of the most wholesome and palatable fish products existent.

Only recently were Australian importers of fish aware that through the disorganization of their regular sources of supply, large orders placed early in the year could not be executed. They were thus faced with an almost immediate serious shortage in a number of lines of canned fish for which a constant demand exists. This gave some New Brunswick packers an unexpected opening, through capable representation, to introduce their lines of canned sardines and herrings, the latter in a variety of forms, yet the quantities of Australian buyers are inadequate for the market requirements. The shortage has been chiefly caused by the very limited quantity available for export from the United Kingdom, Norway and Portugal.

"The import Australian fish trade runs largely on well known brands that were established on the market for a long period of years, hence the present shortage of supplies gives an excellent opportunity for Canadian packers to place their lines before a somewhat conservative community."

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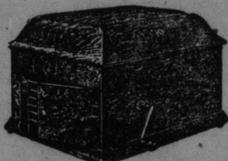
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