40 centimetre guns have passed thru Aix-La-Chapelle on their way to Dixmude.

BELGRADE'S FALL IMMINENT?

The occupation of Belgrade, Servia, by the ustrians apparently is imminent, according to an official announcement made public in Berlin today.

A telegram from Berlin, via Amsterdam, says the governor of Warsaw and his staff were among the Russian prisoners captured by the Germans in the battle of Kutno.

GERMAN LOSSES 100,000.

A correspondent in Dunkirk telegraphs that the German losses during the last four days of fighting in western Belgium are estimated at 100,000. The casualties in the allied ranks were heavy, but favorable progress was made. There is no question that the German forces who have made their repeated attacks in the Dixmude-Ypres region are utterly exhausted. Beyond doubt their losses have been staggering.

The fighting in the Caucasus between the Russians and the Turks is virtually a duplication of the battle on the coast of Belgium, as the Russian warships in the Black Sea are aiding the land forces and have inflicted heavy losses in the Turkish ranks.

MAY MARCH ON BELGRADE.

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VIENNA, Nov. 17.—It is reported that the German and Austrian armies are ready to resume the offensive. Valjevo and Obrenovac were captured by the Austrians, removing two big obstacles for the march on Belgrade, capital of Servia.

PRINCE APPOINTED AIDE-DE-CAMP.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Nov. 17, 7.20 p.m.—It was officially announced in London this afternoon that the Prince of Wales had been appointed aide-de-camp to Field-Marshal Sir John French, the commander of the British expeditionary force on the continent.

MOBILIZATION OF MEN WAS NONSENSE

Minister of Militia Says Test Served Only to Frighten Women.

LARGE DEMONSTRATION

Premier of Ontario Was Chairman and Spoke at Crowded Meeting.

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soverign depends on the will of the people.

Will Triumph Again.

"The present struggle is between these two. Great Britain triumphed a hundred years ago in the Napoleonic wars and today the democracy of the west will triumph over the autocracy of the east. The struggle came and it followed out the lines I laid down a number of years ago. The kaiser's oplicy paved its way just as Lord Roberts said, which was to make Germany impregnable on land and masters of the sea. Lord Roberts said that Germany would declare war on the completion of the Kiel canal and so near did he hit the mark that Germany only waited three weeks.

"For twenty-one years in the house of commons I tried to introduce measures for the defence of Canada and for the assistance of Great Britain, but it was not till 1896 that I was able even to get a seconder for my proposals. My ideas were looked upon as utopian until the crisis came. On August 7th we bought the land at Valcartier and we trained them so well that in the first rifle parctice, after landing they scored an average of 87 per cent.

His Place Was Outside.

"The letting of contracts for the huge undertakink of clothing the men aroused some dissatisfaction in Toronto. A Toronto man with influential men who vote the same way as I do behind him came to see me one day and said, "Your director of contracts is a crook and a Grit." I said to him, 'I don't know about the latter, but if you are wise you will place yourself outside that door and never enter it again until you have positive proof that he is a crook.' During the next two days I received about one hundred letters and telegrams from his friends protesting against his 'throw-down.' The work of outfitting is splendidly done and cannot be equalled anywhere, and in six weeks these highly trained soldiers marched to the steamers and sailed away. I must give great credit to the Governor General for his kindly suggestions and his particular interest in the contingent. Sir Robert Borden displayed a personal interest and the Dominion of Canada owes much to him for his loyalty. No words can express my regard for the corporation of Toronto and for their assistance. I cabled Major Dixon to come back and take an important position in the second contingent.

Using Hughes System.

"The second contingent is being mobilized in divisional quarters, under the system I laid down six weeks before I sailed for the old country."

Rev. W. A. Cameron delivered a stirring address and his remarks hit home in nearly every instance. "The Canadian soldier is not a fighting machine," he said. "His is a man. It was necessary that some humanizing and uplifting spirit come to the rescue of the men at Valcartier, and the Y.M.C.A. responded. Premier Asquith, who saw one of these tents in England the other day, had said that the scene within was one of a curious harmony which impressed him deeply. They brought the soldiers into personal touch with the world's Redeemer. Great Britain was never more Christian than when she told Germany to keep her hands off little Belgium or she would find a lion at her throat and a bear on her back."

At the conclusion of Mr. Cameron's address the audience applauded with vociferous enthusiasm whereupon Major-Gen. Hughes arose and said: "I must congratulate you upon your splendid address and I extend to you the invitation to accompany the second contingent to active service." Mr. Cameron stated he would take the matter into his serious consideration.

Children Count Most.

Hon. W. R. Hearst, who took the chair, thanked the various speakers for their attendance. "The Y. M. C. A. deserves your sympathy and your money,' he said. He rehearsed the splendid resources of Ontario, but declared that it was not the resources that made a country, but the characters of the children. "The men in Canada are fighting to fall, and falling to die," he said.

T. H. Best, secretary of the Field Service Association of the Y.M.C.A., also spoke.

ARTILLERY DUEL RAGED ALL DAY

French Claim Good Progress Made Along Heights of Meuse.

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pressure which the Germans have been exerting on the fortress.

They have at last succeeded in this, according to the French official communication, and besides making some progress on the heights of the Meuse, they have advanced on St. Mihiel, the only point on the left bank of the Meuse which the Germans have been successful in holding.

Another big battle is developing in Poland, between the Vistula and Warthe Rivers, where the Russian advance has been met by large forces of Germans coming from Thorn. The German plan seems to be to attack the Russian centre, in the hope of drawing their wings off from East Prussia and Cracow. In the former the Russian troops report a further advance toward the Gumbinnen-Angerburg line in the north, but they have not yet been able to dislodge the Germans from the passages of the Mazurian Lakes.

In Galicia the troops of Emperor Nicholas are driving the Austrians southward and westward and have engaged their rear guards at Dukla, at the foot of the Carpathian Mountains.

There was an unofficial report today that Cracow was burning, but this has not been confirmed.

The Servians and Montenegrins continue to fall back before larger Austrian forces.

It is said from Vienna that Belgrade again is about to be attacked.

De Wet Still Eludes.

Gen. Botha, commander of the Union of South Africa forces, again has been engaged with Gen. De Wet's rebel commandoes, but the final result of the battle is not yet known. Apparently Gen. De Wet, who gave the British so much trouble in the South African war before he was finally captured, is proving a thorn in the side of his old comrade, Gon Botha, for, altho part of his commando has been captured, Gen. De Wet seems to keep out of the hands of his pursuers.

The action of the steamer Berlin, a former North German Lloyd liner, but which was converted into a cruiser in deliberately entering the harbor of Trondhjem, Norway, and interning is a considerable mystery here. It is presumed that she was acting as a convoy for German submarines and was being watched by the allies' warships.

WHOLE NORTH SEA IN MILITARY AREA

British Attitude on Contraband of War Defined by Premier.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Nov. 17.—Premier Asquith replied fully before the house of commons today to questions propounded by Sir Gilbert Parker concerning contraband of war, reservists of the enemy and mine laying in the North Sea.

"The government has reliable information," said the premier, "that in the present circumstances, any oil, copper and certain substances which may be imported by Germany and Austria certainly will be used for warlike purposes. For this reason the government felt justified in adding those items to the list of absolute contraband. Every possible care will be taken to see that oil and copper really intended for neutral countries are not interfered with."

North Sea Mining.

Premier Asquith stated that the British Government had decided to declare the whole of the North Sea to be in the military area.

All subjects of the enemy found on neutral vessels, the prime minister also said, would be liable to detention as prisoners of war.

"His Majesty's Government is fully aware of the anxiety prevailing in the United States and other neutral countries on these subjects, and it trusts that its policy will be fully understood. It is confident that public opinion in neutral countries will appreciate its earnest desire that there should be no interference with neutral trade, provided the vital interests of Great Britain, which are at stake in the present conflict are adequately maintained."

REVIEW OF HIGH SCHOOL CADETS

Col. J. S. Hendrie, lieutenant-governor, and Principal Hagarty of Harbord Collegiate, at the review in front of the parliament buildings yesterday afternoon.

Official Statements

FRENCH.

"According to the latest advices, the enemy has renewed his attacks to the east and the south of Ypres, but they have not altered the situation. The impression is satisfactory.

"During the last two days we have registered progress more or less pronounced everywhere we have attacked; at Hetsas, on the Yser, between Armentieres and Arras; in the region of Vailly, in the Argonne, and on the heights of the Meuse.

"From Nieuport to Dixmude, and in the region of Ypres, the cannonading has been resumed with greater violence than on the preceding days. On the canal to the south of Dixmude the action of our artillery checked the work that the Germans were endeavoring to carry out to keep down the inundations. The enemy was compelled to evacuate a portion of his trenches which had been filled by the waters.

"Two attacks of German infantry, one to the south of Bixschoote and the other to the south of Ypres, resulted in failure. On our side we have made progress between Bixschoote and the canal.

"Between Armentieres and La Bassee there has been an artillery duel conducted with great spirit.

"On the Aisne certain German detachments which endeavored to cross the river in the vicinity of Vailly were either driven back or destroyed.

"On our positions on the right bank of the Aisne, upstream from Vailly, there has been violent cannonading. This applies also to the Rheims region, and several shells have fallen on the City of Rheims.

"In the Argonne there have not been any infantry engagements. We blew up with mines a certain number of German trenches. On the heights of the Meuse, to the south of Verdun, we have made advances at several points.

"In the region of St. Mihiel we have taken possession of the first houses of the Village of Chauvancourt. These houses served as barracks for the St. Mihiel garrison. This Village of Chauvancourt is the only point of support still held by the Germans on the left bank of the River Meuse in this locality.

"On the rest of the front there has been nothing of importance to report."

RUSSIAN.

"The march of our advance guards in the direction of Erzerum is ended. This march was not in consequence of any attack, but the part of a plan which had been laid out for our advance guards. In this same direction one of our columns attacked part of the left wing of the Turks, which they threw back. Another of our columns engaged in a combat near Buzveran, which was to our advantage.

"The movement of the Ottoman troops in the Olytchai Valley is reported. Four Kurd regiments which were concentrated near Dajar have been dispersed by our cavalry. Our troops, operating beyond the ridge of Klytchaduk and near Dhamour, inflicted a complete defeat on the Ottoman forces and numerous bands of Kurds. Our advance guards dislodged the Kurds from the Village of Tchabanagak, south of the ridge of Taparlz. At Azesbeidjan there is no change.

"Upon the Black Sea littoral an attempted offensive movement of the Turks against our posts near Liman failed completely. Attacked behind and on the flanks by our warships, the Turks sustained serious losses. Their reserves have been annihilated.

"In East Prussia the enemy is falling back along the whole front between Gumbinnen and Angerburg, while continuing to hold the passages in the Mazurian Lakes.

"On the front between the Vistula and Warthe Rivers (in Russian Poland) the fighting continues, it taking the character of a great battle.

"There are important German forces in Galicia. We have reached the Austrian rear guards in the region of Dukla and the passage of Ujok.

"In the region of Batum (Transcaucasia), on the east coast of the Black Sea, firing continued thruout Nov. 16. The efforts of the Turks to advance in the direction of Erzerum have been without success.

"A band of Kurds have exchanged shots with our sappers in Azerbaijan (Persia), but the enemy were dispersed.

"At the other points there is nothing to report."

GERMAN.

"Generally speaking, yesterday passed quietly in the western arena of the war. To the south of Verdun and to the northeast of Cirey, the French made several attacks, which, however, were unsuccessful.

"Operations in the eastern arena made further favorable progress, but detailed reports are not yet at hand."

AUSTRIAN.

"In the southern war theatre our troops have advanced to the Kolubara River (Northwestern Servia), which already has been crossed at some points, tho the bridges were destroyed by the enemy.

"In the Valjevo district where our army commanders have arrived order has been restored. The town has suffered much from the Servian soldiers.

"Small cavalry detachments yesterday captured 200 prisoners."

KITCHENER JOINED IN HIGH TRIBUTES

House of Lords Heard Speeches Extolling Lord Roberts' Deeds.

LONDON, Nov. 17.—(7.10 p.m.).—Lord Kitchener, Lord Curzon of Kedleston and the Earl of Crewe, in the house of lords today paid tributes to Lord Roberts. "His achievements as a soldier, and his character as a man," said Lord Kitchener, "will be an abiding memory, not only in parliament, but in the whole nation. His fame will forever be associated with the memorable march to Kandahar."

Lord Curzon said the last letter he received from Lord Roberts contained a strong plea for the defence of the family. The prayer which he wrote had brought the family together in a way that nothing else could.

Lord Roberts' body arrived at Folkestone this evening from Boulogne. It will be taken to his late residence, Englemere, in Ascot, arriving there tomorrow. The body will lie in state until Thursday, when it will be taken to the railway station on the gun carriage which his son died trying to save at Colenso during the South African war.

A special train will then bring the casket to London. Troops will escort it to St. Paul's. The vault in St. Paul's, in which the field marshal will lie, is the mausoleum of Great Britain's greatest soldier. The last soldier interred there was Field Marshal Lord Wolseley, at whose funeral last March, Lord Roberts was a pallbearer.

TORONTO PYTHIANS WILL BURY LATE R. E. HAYWARD.

Was in His 81st Year—Funeral Today to Mount Pleasant.

Toronto Knights of Pythias are taking charge of the funeral of R. E. Hayward, a member of Osceola Lodge No. 47, Roanoke, Virginia, who died here on Sunday evening. Mr. Hayward had been a resident of Toronto for some years but had kept up his membership in his home lodge. He was in his eighty-first year and had enjoyed excellent health up until the middle of August last, since which time he had gradually failed. The funeral will be held from his late residence 339 Dupont street, this afternoon at 3 o'clock to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. The service at the grave will be taken in charge by members of the local lodges.

WIPED OUT 3000 GERMANS.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Nov. 17.—The following story of the wiping out of 3000 Germans comes from a wounded soldier from the Ypres front:

"The fighting at Ypres was terrible in violence. For 40 hours we fought foot to foot with the enemy, employing every resource of infantry and artillery.

EXPECT LIGHT VOTE IN WEST HAMILTON

Politicians Find People Indifferent to Political Contest—Polling Today.

LABORITES CONFIDENT

Mrs. Land of Bartonville Injured in Collision With Street Car.

By a Staff Reporter.

HAMILTON Wednesday morning, Nov. 18.—Eerything is in readiness for the bye-election in west Hamilton today and doubt is expressed as to the result in certain quarters as little interest is being taken in the election and a small vote is anticipated. Mayor Allan, the Conservative candidate and Walter R. Rollo, the Independent Labor candidate held their final meetings last evening. Both meetings were well attended.

The labor meeting was held at the headquarters, Melbourne and Locke s'rets. J. Sullivan said that there was considerable Conservative money being passed out. Walter Rollo, Allan Studholme, M.L.A., Geo. Halcrow, H. J. Halford and R. O. Frost addressed the meeting.

The Conservative rally was held a few doors away in the Twentieth Century Clubrooms. Mayor Allan, A. C. Garden, T. J. Stewart, M.P., Controller Cooper and others spoke.

Many of the old-time politicians predict that the race will be close. Some of the Rollo supporters claim that Rollo will win, and considerable money has changed hands, some even going so far as to bet on Rollo having 200 of a majority.

Stone Quarry Purchase.

The proposed purchasing of a stone quarry for the city was again brought up at the works committee meeting last evening. The quarry bylaw was defeated by the people when submitted in August and it is said that efforts will be made to place the bylaw before the electors again in January. In the meantime the city is greatly in need of stone. It was suggested that the city make a five or ten-year contract with some of the local quarrymen, and it was decided to ask the board of control to ask for tenders immediately. The committee approved of the change of route for the new east end sewer below Ottawa street which will mean an additional expenditure of $14,000.

Street Along Canal.

A sub-committee was appointed to deal with the question of purchasing property near the Desjardins Canal so that a thorofare may be provided for those owning property, or boathouses along the water front. During the past summer many of these people have been prosecuted for trespassing on the C.P.R. tracks and as it has been found impossible to open Ordnance street there to the canal the city will probobly purchase a strip of land and open up another street.

Charles Allan, 19 Agnes street, asked damages because his house had sagged as a result of the excavating of a water course thru his property by the city. The matter was referred to the city solicitor.

Street Opening Dropped.

The scheme to open Aurora street thru from Grove to Charlton avenue was dropped, as it was found impossible to purchase some of the required property. Another effort will be made to secure certain property on South Wellington street, so that the street may be opened thru to the mountain. There are three or four property owners on the street who claim squatters' rights and who are demanding high prices for their land.

Mrs. Land Injured.

Mrs. William Land of Bartonville was seriously injured about the legs last evening, when the buggy in which she was riding with her husband, was struck by a street car near the corner of Main street and Kenilworth avenue. She was attended by Dr. Rennie and was removed to the City Hospital.

Militia to Turn Out in Hour.

It was learned yesterday that the Hamilton militia headquarters has been in possession of orders from Ottawa to be ready to turn out at an hour's notice for duty, if necessary, since last Friday evening. Preparations were immediately made, whereby the officers claim that they can have the members of the 13th Royal Regiment, the 91st Highlanders and C squadron 2nd Dragoons under arms and ready for duty within two hours.

A.M.C. Receives Orders.

The officers of the Army Medical Corps have received instructions to leave here for Toronto on Thursday morning, where the members of the local unit will join with the two Toronto corps.

Start Made on Highway.

A start was made yesterday morning on the grading of the Toronto-Hamilton highway at the Hamilton end. The work was done on the farm of Cecil Mariatt, on the Lake Shore road, in the Township of Nelson. Controller Jutten and Reeve Smith of Burlington, members of the commission, and Reeve C Readhead of Nelson Township turned the first furrow, while the members of the Nelson Township Council were present. Commissioners Jutten and Smith spoke on the importance of the road.

Must Use Brick.

The board of control yesterday refused the request of the shareholders in the new Royal Connaught Hotel to be allowed to use tile instead of brick on the building. Controller Cooper said that the contractors on the building were using sweat-shop methods.

Murder Now Suspected.

Chief of Police Clark of Dundas, who is handling the case of Amos Lane, who was found dead in the yard at his boarding house on the Plains road early Sunday morning, is now of the belief that Lane was murdered. Considerable evidence points directly to foul play, while other evidence points toward suicide. Chief Clark thinks that the body was carried to the spot where it was found. The inquest will be held in the town hall at Dundas this evening.

DENTISTS TRY OUT ON SIX RECRUITS

Their Offer Has Been Partially Accepted by Military Authorities.

WANT TO BE REVIEWED

Seven T. M. T. A. Companies Have Already Acted on Lessard's Offer.

Thru the thoughtfulness of the Toronto Dental Rifle Association six recruits, who have been refused permission to go to the front with the first and second contingents, on account of defective teeth, have now found it possible to have their teeth attended to, and have been assured that as soon as the dental work is done they will be enlisted for the third contingent. These recruits live on Dufferin, Jarvis, Logan avenue and three other streets and the dentists picked have offices in the vicinity.

This announcement was made last night to the Dental Rifle Association at a meeting in St. Lawrence Hall, and is the outcome of the activity of Dr. C. F. Colter in bringing the matter to the attention of Col. J. T. Fotheringham. Some time ago Dr. Colter made a proposal to Dr. Fotheringham that in cases where objections to a man concerns his teeth alone the Dental Association would put him in shape free of charge. Dr. Fotheringham at the time could not give a guarantee, but as a tryout he suggested that the dentists should fix the teeth of six volunteers who had been refused expressly on account of their teeth. The dentists accepted the proposal. Last night the six recruits were referred to six dentists.

After the meeting Dr. Colter stated that the dentists by no means intended to stop at the six, who will be attended to this week, and that all the members of the association were eager to take part in the work. He expects a definite answer from the military authorities in a day or so.

Besides the professional service offered by the local dentists the men have formed a rifle association and their first drill was held last night. The corps has now a membership of 70 and is affiliated with the Toronto Civilian Rifle Association. Forty men lined up last night.

Other Corps Drilled.

The Toronto Rifle Association also drilled at St. Lawrence Hall with a turnout of seventy. Maj. O'Brien, chairman of the drill instruction committee, in a brief address to the men, pointed out that if the yturned out to drill regularly the militia and civic authorities had guaranteed to provide them with rifles.

Drill will continue on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Thirty new members for the Home Guard were enrolled yesterday at the Standard Silver Plate Company's Works by the adjutant, Captain A. E. Hall. These will be added to the goldsmiths' and silversmiths' company and be under the command of Captain A. J. Roden.

The non-commissioned officers' class will be instructed at the guards, armories tonight. Guard mounting will also be practiced. The various corps in the city will also be instructed to guard mounting at different points in the city tomorrow.

A meeting will be held in St. Luke's school house, corner of St. Joseph and St. Vincent streets, on Friday night at 8 o'clock to form a company in connection with the home guards. Prominent officers of the guard will be present. The company will not be in connection with St. Luke's or any church.

Major Gillis of the guard stated last night that 250 home guards will be supplied with uniforms on Monday night.

SEVEN HAVE APPLIED.

Applications to Gen. Lessard that he inspect seven of the corps formed by the Toronto Military Training Association have already been made. According to the announcement recently made by the general any corps that is properly officered and has its quota of non-commissioned officers, is efficient enough to pass his inspection, will be officially recognized by him. It will then be recommended by him to the board of control and also be supplied with arms, ammunition, etc.

"Rifle associations of Toronto must exercise patience," said Dr. Noble at a meeting of the Winchester school corps of the Toronto Military Training Association last night. The speaker told of the steps being taken by the central committee to secure rifles for all the men in training in the city, but explained that owing to the large mobilization all the available guns were needed for the army. It is probable, however, that wooden rifles will be supplied to the association, which will permit of them at least entering the kindergarten class of drilling.

Capt. Ardagh of the Osgoode Hall Rifle Association, last night announced that the shooting competition for the Cawthra Rifle Trophy would be continued today at the Long Branch ranges, and that until the awarding of the trophy the shooting would be done every Wednesday and Saturday afternoon. More than 100 members of the association are in the competition and the rivalry is so keen that it will take some time to single out the winner. The trophy is for individual shooting.

There was a good attendance of the members of the Osgoode Hall Rifle Association at the armories last night to hear Sergt.-Major Campbell's lecture on "Signalling and the Open Formation." Among those attending were Hamilton Cassels, K.C., N. F. Davidson, K.C., E. H. Boyd and J. A. Thompson. Over 50 men of the students' section of the association were training at the armories.

GETTING IN ON ROYAL SALUTES

How The World Correspondent Got Back to Bustard Camp.

IN McEACHREN'S CAR

Joined the Royal Procession and Were Saluted Down the Line.

By John A. MacLaren, one of The World's Staff Correspondents with the Canadian Expeditionary Force.

SALISBURY, Eng., Nov. 6—It's a long, long way to Tipperary, to be sure, but it is also some distance to the Canadian camp from the Town of Salisbury—if you have to walk it. It is something like fifteen miles. There is no more isolated spot in England, in the opinion of the troops. As far as being several miles from nowhere is concerned, it compares very favorably with Valcartier, Que. The transportation service by motor bus is very irregular and not dependable. If a soldier happens to be in town and wants to get back to camp at a certain hour the chances are he will be several hours late with fatigue duty his lot for several days, or "C.B." for a short time. Discipline along the line as well as many other lines is very strict. The rules and regulations are never elastic. The Canadian soldiers in the making are up against the real thing.

When it was announced that the King was to inspect the troops today every conveyance for miles around was engaged to carry visitors to the camp. Many were forced to walk and they started out bright and early in the morning to reach the scene of the review by eleven o'clock in time to have a glimpse of the King and the Canadians. Among the pedestrians were a number of English and Canadian correspondents, disgruntled and discouraged.

But Frank McEachren, a Toronto boy, who has been representing a branch of the well-known real estate firm by that name, in England, for a couple of years, happened to be a veritable life-saver. He came along in a motor car which would accommodate two more. The lucky two plied in. It was then rather late and the car was sent away at a high speed for Bustard, the headquarters, where the royal party was due to arrive shortly after 11 o'clock, from the Town of Amesbury.

Within a mile from the camp the car was stopped. Three guards with bayonets fixed, stood on the road. Mr. McEachren, who, by the way, is a second lieutenant in Kitchener's army, now training at Epsom, near London, the sergeant said:

"The King is due to pass here very shortly; you cannot get by for a while."

Presently a long string of limousines were seen in the distance, carrying the King and Queen, Lord Roberts, Lord Kitchener, Hon. Mr. Pelley, Sir Richard McBride and a number of staff officers. In a moment the cars had passed.

"Now you can go," said the sergeant who wasn't very conversant with the way a British soldier stands guard.

In On the Salutes.

"Now," said one of the occupants, "we may as well get in on some of these royal salutes."

So the Torontonians followed in the wake of the royal procession. Very soon we were close up. As a matter of fact, altho we didn't know it at the time, we were wedged in between the main battery of cars and a straggler carrying staff officers. All along the road were soldiers standing at attention with rifles at the present."

"You fellows better look serious," said one of the party. "Don't laugh or you'll give the show away."

Squads of the Princess Pat's, Princess's Own and others doing police duty stood at attention but made no effort to stop the miscreant car. Very soon the bustard came into view and out in front were a number of Canadian staff officers. Most of them knew the offenders, but they couldn't even shout or smile. They were standing at attention. Besides it wouldn't do to yell objection with the ruler of the nation and the war minister just a few yards ahead.

Presently the procession came to a halt in front of the long line of soldiers who were to be reviewed. A few yards ahead the royal party and staff officers alighted and began their inspection.

"Say, what are you ruddy blighters doing here?" Bing!—just like that.

An imperial officer was talking. You could tell it from the nature of the question. He was a major in charge of ceremonies.

"Don't you know any better than to get into the royal procession?" shouted he. "Better get back there a few hundred yards."

"All right, sir," in chorus, thankful that we weren't to be taken to the "clink" or the guard tent.

"Oh well," said one of the party, "we got away with it. Getting in on royal salutes is pleasant. When everybody from colonels down salute you there should also be medals forthcoming."

So the offensive little machine, loaded with people who wanted a little spice of adventure sprinkled occasionally into a rather ordinary, drab existence, backed up—and kept on backing, until the major thought that sufficient gasoline had been wasted on the job.

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