

CANADIANS MOWING FROM SALISBURY PLAIN TO MORE COMFORTABLE QUARTERS

Residents near by Throwing Doors Wide Open to Canada's Soldiers—English paper's tribute to spirit with which the men bore the discomforts at Salisbury Plain—Men who will play the game well.

The following interesting article on the Canadian force in England appears in the *Wiltshire Gazette* January 7, a copy of which has been received by The Standard from Lieut. Cyrus F. Inches who is with the first contingent at Salisbury Plain.

"Many of the Canadians have left the Plain. Many more are leaving it. None of them will regret their departure. They are leaving their quarters for better, or at least for more comfortable and agreeable quarters with the public and private residents, who in all the circumstances will readily open their doors to receive them, and their hearts are made them as comfortable as possible during the short time—and it must be getting short now—that remains before they step on to the blood-stained battlefields in support of the gallant lads who so sadly need a rest. Some have already gone. Departing almost like a shadow, we now know that that fine regiment from the Dominion, the Princess 'Pat's' Light Infantry, has heard the cannon's roar over the land defiled by the presence of the Kaiser's hosts, and has probably taken its place in the firing line before now. Others are expected to cross shortly, all equally anxious to go. Amongst the cavalry which expect to move off first is Lord Strathcona's Horse, which has spent the whole of its time since its arrival from Plymouth on the Plain in the neighborhood of Pond Farm—than which they say the camp could not be more aptly named. The regiment is a smart one, though the predicament in which we generally see the men in the town, plastered with mud to the top of their jack-boots and even above, does not add to their military appearance. But they are there for a very and not ceremonial parade; they put up with it, as was aptly testified at the Boxing Day banquet in Devizes, when Col. Bridges said the Canadians had not come over to England to be 'molly-coddled.' They, nor indeed any of the contingent, have not been molly-coddled; had our own Volunteer troops been subjected to half the Colonial hardships have borne there would have been dissatisfaction. Strathcona's, which did much fine work in South Africa, is out to defend the reputation it gained there, and they are doubtless just the men to do it. Though it has its quota of professional men from Montreal and other of Canada's leading cities, the regiment is largely composed of stalwart fellows from the ranches, what is known in the Dominion as cow punchers, and ex-military men. They are all skilled horsemen and good shots; their horses, gathered in the open, have suffered somewhat severely, but those who have been particularly fit and hard. They are not show horses by any means; they are light, look thin, and though the grooming they get might defy a wet hand to remove a loose hair, there is an absence of the gloss or 'hammer-marks' which the custodian of the stable is always proud of. Some of the horses, however, look better than when they came into this country. We saw a couple of hundred of them in a small enclosure alongside one of the Great Western Railway stations a day or two after the regiment hove into Plymouth Sound. The horses did not look well then according to the English conception of troops. We said so to a captain of one of the squadrons, and he agreed that they did not look all that well, but attributed it mainly to two factors. In the first place he reminded us that the horses were not of the same breed as those we are accustomed to handle on this side of the water; that accounted much for the rough, almost ashy color of many of their coats. In the second place their incarceration afloat militated against their appearance. The meagre accommodation in which horses are 'cribbled, cabined and confined' on a troopship is not such as would either improve their physique or enhance their appearance. The Canadians, however, were not a bit perturbed about this. They knew the constitution of their horses. The Captain gave it as his opinion then—as long ago as the middle of October—that they would improve week by week when they got on to the Plain. Lack of air and exercise are two of the things which horses most miss on a voyage, and this led to a deal of sickness when the regiment started, which was accelerated rather than diminished by the fact that the troopship occupied 16 days instead of six on her voyage, for reasons not necessary or desirable to mention here. Those who have seen the horses since their month or two on the Plain will have noticed a general improvement in their condition. The officer to whom we referred above undoubtedly did not expect blasting winds and pitiless rain such as have so mercilessly swept the Plain in the last month or so, but for all that the horses generally have stood it well, though a few have succumbed.

Nothing is certain about the departure of the regiment for the front. Rumors and unofficial statements are not often to be relied upon, but for

what they are worth, statements are rife and generally accepted as correct, that next month will see many of the Canadian contingent nearer to the western theatre of war than they are today. They will be glad to go there can be no doubt; the men say so themselves, and they mean it. 'We shall be very pleased indeed to get there,' said a professional man from Montreal, serving as a private, to our representative a day or two ago. 'This inaction,' he added, 'is very trying both mentally and physically.' Their claim—and it is no idle claim—that they are all good horsemen and can shoot well, but, as one of their officers recently observed in public, discipline is equally essential, as he was able to testify from observations of our own troops on a recent occasion when he paid a flying visit to France. Whatever their reasons for going, they were much in love with our high roads. Whether they hold that good opinion of them now is open to doubt. They used to speak of whines as they had in Canada in the name of roads, but they have seen more of ours by now, which has probably induced them to regard the comparison more favorably from their own point of view. Some of them—Lord Strathcona's in particular—have seen some thing of Red Hone Hill, and the Devizes-Salisbury road beyond, and many a heavy sigh must have escaped some of the transport drivers as the wheels of their vehicles have skidded round under petrol pressure, the tyres unable to grip on account of the muddy crust which covers the steeply rising ground. The camp, too, almost devoid of a name, as do also those at West Devizes, had as the headmaster of the latter did all he could to facilitate the arrangements. The officers will be provided for in the matter of messes by the Headmaster's household staff, but the N. C. O.'s and men will have their own messing arrangements for which a marquee is to be utilized. The horses cannot be accommodated

ENGLAND HAS NO RIGHT TO BE INDIGNANT OVER AIR RAID, GERMANY SAYS

London, Jan. 21.—Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent sends the following despatch from Berlin, giving the German official version of the airship raid on the English east coast: "Our airships, in order to attack the fortified town of Great Yarmouth, were obliged to fly over other towns from which, it is stated, they were fired at. These attacks were answered by the throwing of bombs. 'England has no right to be indignant, as her flying machines and ships in broad day light have attacked open

GERMAN PAPER SAYS FRANCE ATTEMPTED TO MAKE PEACE

Instructed neutral diplomat to introduce preliminary proposals, but Kitchener threatened to bombard French Coast.

Berlin, via London, Jan. 21.—(By wireless)—The Cologne Gazette today publishes the following sensational disclosures regarding the German advance in France:

"In September, France had sincere wishes for peace, and she instructed an eminent neutral diplomat to introduce preliminary proposals to this end. 'This diplomat had previously occupied an official position in London, and he was under English influence. He betrayed the secret to the British Ambassador in Paris, causing an enormous sensation in London. 'Lord Kitchener was sent to France. He threatened a bombardment of the French coast, and forced from the French government the well known treaty not to conclude peace, except in conjunction with local theatre-goers, with their extraordinary value in plays, players and vaudeville features.

ST. ELMO SUCCESS AT FIRST PERFORMANCE

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Groceries	
Sugar, standard	24.25
Raw	24.25
Tapar	24.25
Beans	24.25
Yellow Eye	24.25
Hand picked	24.25
Commeal, gran	24.25
Cream of Tartar	24.25
Curants, cleaned	24.25
Molasses	24.25
Pean, split, bags	24.25
Barley, pot	24.25
Raisins	24.25
Chico, seeded	24.25
Fatty, seeded	24.25
Salt, Liverpool, per sack, ex store	24.25
Soda, bicarb	24.25
Canned Goods	
Spiced 2s	24.25
Prunes 1s	24.25
Beans	24.25
Baked	24.25
String	24.25
Chick	24.25
Corn	24.25
Herring, kippered	24.25
Oysters	24.25
Peas	24.25
Pineapple	24.25
Sliced	24.25
Grated	24.25
Singapore	24.25
Peas	24.25
Peaches, 2s	24.25
Peaches, 3s	24.25
Pineapple, 1s	24.25
Pumpkin	24.25
Raspberries	24.25
Salmon	24.25
Pine	24.25
Cheese	24.25
Red spring	24.25
Tomatoes	24.25
Strawberries	24.25
Flours	
Manitoba	24.25
Ontario	24.25
Oatmeal, rolled	24.25
Oatmeal, standard	24.25
Provisions	
Pork, Can. mess.	24.25
Beef, Am. plate	24.25
Beef, Am. plate	24.25
Lard, pure	24.25
Lard, comp. tubs	24.25
Fish	
Blotter, boxes	24.25
Cod	24.25
Medium	24.25
Small	24.25
Flour, haddies	24.25
Herring	24.25
Gr. Manan, blis	24.25
Kipper, boxes	24.25
Haddock	24.25
Halibut	24.25
Meats, etc.	
Country	24.25
Butcher's	24.25
Western	24.25
Lamb, per lb.	24.25
Veal, per lb.	24.25
Mutton, per lb.	24.25
Pork, per lb.	24.25
Butter	24.25
Tubs	24.25
Roll	24.25
Creamery	24.25
Eggs, fresh	24.25
Eggs, case	24.25
Cheese, Can.	24.25
Fowl, per lb.	24.25
Potatoes, white	24.25
Turkey, per lb.	24.25
Chickens, per lb.	24.25
Fruits	
Apples, N. S.	24.25
Brussels	24.25
Cocoanuts, sacks	24.25
Almonds	24.25
Bananas	24.25
Walnuts	24.25
Alfalfa, new	24.25
Liberts	24.25
Lemons	24.25
Calif. Oranges	24.25
Onions	24.25
American	24.25
Canadian	24.25
Peanuts, roasted	24.25
Prunes (Cal.)	24.25
Pears	24.25
Malaga grapes, keg	24.25
Hay, Oats and Bran, con lots, bags	24.25
Commeal, bags	24.25
Hay, car lots, ton	24.25
Hay, per ton	24.25
Mdgs small lots, bags	24.25
Oats, car lots, bush	24.25
Oats, per bushel	24.25
Oils	
Royalite	24.25
Premier motor gaso	24.25
line	24.25
Raw oil	24.25
Ex. No. 1 Lard, com	24.25
Palatine	24.25
Turpentine	24.25
Hides, Skins, e	
Beef, hides	24.25
Calf, skins	24.25
Tallow, rendered	24.25
Sheep skins, Jan.	24.25

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Montreal, Jan. 21.—CO can No. 2 yellow, 84. OATS—Canadian West 65 to 68; No. 3, 64 to 65. FLOUR—Man spring wheat, 7.40; second, 6.90; kers, 6.70; winter patent straight rollers, 6.50; 3.10 to 3.20. FEED—Bran, 25; middlings, 20; molasses, 20. HAY—For ton, car lots, POTATOES—Per bag, 6 to 60.

Berlin, Jan. 21 (via London)—Arch make a day's visit to Emperor Wilhelm Charles Francis Joseph, the heir to the Austrian throne, arrived in Berlin this morning, and left at noon for the German general army headquarters in the field, where he is to court.