"NO DOUBT VICTORY WILL BE OURS SOON," SAYS CAPT. BUTLER

London's First Wounded Man Back From Europe.

HEROIC JIMMY MURRAY

Officer Says He Is One of the Greatest Fighters Ever Seen.

"If you want to hear pessimistic reports about the war, talk to a civilian. If you want optimistic reports, talk to soldiers, talk to the British Tommies, talk to the men at the front. They have no doubt absolutely as to the outcome. The civilians are frequently in the dumps. There is no doubt that victory will be ours."

This was the statement made by Capt. Chester Butler, who left London two years ago last August for the front. He came home at noon Saturday for a three days' leave of absence. He is returning at once to England, to resume his duties in the pay and records office.

Capt. Butler looks remarkably fit. He was wounded at the first engagement the Canadians were in a year ago last March, and was sent to England. He recovered, and at once went to the pay and record office, where he has done good work. His wound was in the hip, but there are only slight traces of his injury. He has an almost imperceptible limp.

Gives Reception.

He was accorded a great reception on his arrival in London. Lieut.-Col. W. Spittal and the officers of the 7th Regiment, to which Capt. Butler belonged prior to his enlistment; Lt.-Col. Coles, Mayor Stevenson, Ald. E. S. Little, president of the Liberal Club, and the executive, F. E. Leonard, J. P. Moore and T. A. McMahon of the Soldiers' Aid Commission, and a large number of the members of the Returned Soldiers' Association, many of them comrades of Captain Butler's, and a few of them wounded in the same battle, were all present.

Capt. Butler called every man by his name, and in fact did not forget a single soul. Arthur Sippi and a number of the members of the Liberal Club executive when Capt. Butler was secretary, where on hand, and they gave him a reception that was worth while. Mrs. Butler, his mother, and Mrs. Waller, his sister, went to Woodstock to meet him.

"I am feeling well, in fact, I never felt better," he declared. "I am glad to be home, but I am going to stay a very few days, as I must be back. The people here have been very kind to me, and I appreciate it."

"How about the war?" he was asked.

Allies Will Win.

"Don't be pessimistic," he declared. "Rumania does look bad, but that will be straightened out. The end is coming, and coming soon, and the Allies will be victorious. In Great Britain there is the utmost confidence in the final result, but there have been some changes going on to make the end more certain and the result more definite.

"The people of Great Britain of all classes have the utmost confidence in Lloyd George, and they are expecting great things from his ministry. As they say in Canada, he has the pepper, and he has the determination to go in and win, and win quickly. He's the big man of Great Britain, and the people as a whole are sure that he will do great things. There is no doubt in my mind that he will do brilliant service for the Empire in his new place.

"How's your old batta...n?" he was asked.

"The old 1st Battalion is shot up, not a single officer that went forward with us being on the line, and only about ten men. They were not all killed, but the ten men I have mentioned are the only ones available for service.

A London Wonder.

"Jimmy Murray, son of Scott Murray, King street, is one of the ten, and that boy is an absolute wonder. He's one of the greatest fighting chaps that ever faced a gun. He has never been wounded, won his D. C. M., and after nearly two years' continuous service in the trenches, he is still at it.

"Jimmy is a great lad. Once, an officer told me, Jimmy was buried in a trench, and rendered unconscious. They dug him out, and sent him to the hospital. He was put to bed, and after a time he came too. He rubbed his eyes, looked about him, asked where he was, and where his battalion was. The questions were all answered to his satisfaction, but Jimmy had other things in mind. He felt himself all over, saw that he was not hurt, and decided on his own course. He got up, dressed, and was back with his old bunch in no time. He simply would not stay in the hospital.

"Later the officers thought that he had seen enough hard service, so they decided to give him a place on the headquarters staff, lighter work, of course, and free from danger to a large extent. Jimmy stood it for 24 hours, and then he disappeared. The next day he was found again in the first line of trenches, fighting with his comrades of the 1st Battalion. Murray simply will not take leaves or anything like that. He wants to fight, and he is doing it. That's the kind of stuff London sent to the front. Stories by the yard could be written about Jimmy Murray. He has been decorated, and he deserves all the good things said of him.

"The Canadians have done splendid work, and have made a real name for themselves. It makes one proud of his country, and I am sure we are all proud of the boys."

Three cheers were given for Capt. Butler as he left for his home, and they were given with a right good-will.

RETURNING TODAY FROM MORE THAN TWO YEARS' WAR SERVICE

CAPT. CHESTER BUTLER.

LOCAL NEWS

ORGAN RECITAL.—The final recital that Mr. A. D. Jordan will give this year, takes place on Friday, December 15. He will be assisted by Patti MacLaren, reader, Master D'Arcy Parsons and the choir of the First Methodist Church.

BAZAAR CLEARS $100. — King Street Presbyterian Church Cradle Roll held a successful bazaar on Thursday in a shop at the corner of Dundas and English streets. A sum of over $100 was realized, to be devoted to the church purposes.

DISCUSS ELECTIONS.—At a special meeting of the trades and labor council last evening, the coming elections were discussed at some length. A general discussion took place in reference to whom should be indorsed by the council. It was stated that at the present time nothing is to be given out for publication.

BEATTIE PROPERTY SOLD.—Francis Cronkite and French & Co., fruit merchants, have purchased the Thomas Beattie estate, 190 and 192 Dundas street, for $40,000. One of the buildings on the property was occupied by Jolly & Co., and is now vacant. The other is occupied by W. A. Brock, gunsmith. The estate has a frontage of 32 1-3 feet, and a depth of 198 feet. It is assessed for $30,000, the building at $9,000 and the land at $21,000.

ANNUAL CONCERT.—The annual concert of the Ladies' Aid of St. George's Church, East London, was held in the church Thursday evening. Thechurch was crowded with a pleased audience. Mrs. Walter Hungerford, soprano, gave several vocal selections which were well received. Bert Hanna, elocutionist, put on the major part of the program, giving several readings, which were heartily applauded. Wilkins Shuff, tenor, rendered several solos, and Miss Angus gave several instrumentals.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT. — At the weekly euchre tournament held on Friday night by the members of the London Curling Club in their clubrooms on Lyle street, the first prize, a cut glass salt and pepper set, was won by Douglas Wanless, who scored 115 points. M. Morrison and Norval Wanless, father of the winner of the first prize, were tied for the second prize, each having scored 97 points. The prize went to Mr. Morrison on the playoff. About 60 members and their friends enjoyed the games. On Monday night a meeting of the stockholders of the club will be held, and preparations will be made for the curling season.

"CANADA'S NIGHT."—Last night was "Canada's night" at the Women's Catholic Club meeting in St. Peter's Parish Hall. A group of children from St. Peter's school in a snow scene, sang "O, Canada," and "The Maple Leaf Forever." Principal Rogers of the collegiate institute, was the speaker of the evening. He emphasized the fact the home and the school were closely allied in the education of the child. Charles B. Finney was heard to advantage in a song, and excellent music was furnished by Lombardo brothers' orchestra. The attendance was large and progressive euchre games were keenly contested. B. C. McCann acted as chairman, and announced that the next of the series of Allies' evenings would be France's night, to be held next Thursday, when Capt. J. M. Cantin will be the speaker.

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NEW TABLE OUT FOR STANDARD WEIGHTS

A new table of standard weights of vegetables and other articles has been issued by the Government, as follows:

	Bushels.	Bags.
Artichokes	56 lbs.	24 lbs.
Beans	60 lbs.	
Beets	50 lbs.	75 lbs.
Bituminous coal	70 lbs.	
Bluegrass seed	14 lbs.	
Carrots	50 lbs.	75 lbs.
Castor beans	40 lbs.	
Clover seed	60 lbs.	
Hemp seed	44 lbs.	
Lime	70 lbs.	
Malt	36 lbs.	
Onions	50 lbs.	75 lbs.
Parsnips	45 lbs.	65 lbs.
Potatoes	60 lbs.	90 lbs.
Timothy seed	48 lbs.	
Turnips	50 lbs.	75 lbs.

The standard weight for onions was formerly 57 pounds to the bushel. Timothy seed was formerly 45 pounds to the bushel and turnips were formerly 60 pounds.

NO G. T. R. CHANGES FOR LONDON YET IN SIGHT

Vice-President Kelly, Here Few Minutes, Holds Conference.

Howard G. Kelly, vice-president of the Grand Trunk Railway System, passed through the city at noon today in his private car, "Ontario," enroute Montreal to Detroit. H. E. Wittenburger superintendent of lines west of Toronto, arrived in the city earlier in the forenoon and he and Superintendent Charles Forrester of the London division had a brief conference with the vice-president.

Seen by an Advertiser reporter, Vice-President Kelly stated that for the present at least no local changes or improvements were contemplated.

The congestion of freight cars at Fort Erie, he said, was gradually being relieved and thousands of tons of coal were being moved daily from the Pennsylvania fields.

"There is really nothing of any importance for publication," said the vice-president as his train started to move out after the few minutes stay in the city.

PALMER.

[Hamilton Herald.]

It is worth more than the price of admission to Frederick Palmer's lectures to get a draught of optimism from that well-informed war correspondent and devoted friend of the Entente Allies.

How to Peel Off a Weatherbeaten Face

It's really a simple matter to renovate a face soiled by dirt, wind or cold. Ordinary mercolized wax, used like cold cream, will transform the worst old complexion into one of snowy whiteness and velvety softness. It literally peels off the outer veil of surface skin but so gently, wornout skin comes off not in patches, but evenly, in tiny particles, leaving no evidence of the treatment. The younger, healthier under skin forming the new complexion is one of captivating loveliness. One ounce of mercolized wax, to be had at any drug store, is enough to remove any coarse, chapped, pimpled, freckled faded or sallow skin. Apply before retiring, washing it off mornings.

Many skins wrinkle easily with every wind that blows. An excellent wrinkle remover, because it tightens the skin and strengthens relaxed muscles, is a wash lotion made as follows: Powdered saxolite, 1 oz., dissolved in witch hazel one-half pint. This gives immediate results.—Advt.

BOYS HEAR ADVICE ON FORMING A CLUB

Fred Landon Compares It to the Recruiting of a Battalion.

At a well-attended meeting of the St. George's Club last evening, the boys were addressed by Fred Landon of the public library. The speaker narrated to the boys his experiences in forming clubs, laying stress on the likely pitfalls, and how to attain success. He compared the officers of the club to the officers of the army, and the members to the privates. He urged that as recruiting is essential in the formation of a battalion, it is also essential in the formation of a club, and that it was up to the boys to bring in new members. In conclusion, Mr. Landon gave the boys excellent advice as to supporting their leaders. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Landon, to which he made a suitable reply.

SURE HE WAS DRUNK

Constable Declares Teamster Insisted on Paying Twice for Meal.

Montreal whisky scored another victory last evening and the defeated one, a teamster, appeared in police court this morning and pleaded guilty to a charge of drunkenness.

He was fined $10 and costs, or in default of payment one month in jail.

According to the policeman who made the arrest, there was no doubt that the man was drunk.

"I found him in a restaurant arguing with the proprietor, and insisting that he be allowed to again pay for a meal that the cafe owner claimed he had already paid for once. I knew then that he was either drunk or crazy, so I arrested him," said the patrolman.

The name of one other citizen appeared on the blotter, but he was still so badly under the influence that he was allowed to continue his nap in the police cells to appear later today.

LAMBTON COUNCILLORS GUESTS AT BANQUET

Returned Officer Urges Campaign For "More Men."

[Special to The Advertiser.]

SARNIA, Dec. 8.—A splendid complimentary banquet was tendered the Lambton County Council tonight by H. Sanders, proprietor of the Northern Hotel. There were about forty present. Short speeches followed the repast. Some speakers discussed good roads.

Capt. Chalk of Forest, who recently returned from the front, told briefly of his experiences and asked the council to conduct a campaign for more men.

Gifts were presented to Mr. Sanders and Warden W. G. Hall, the former with a beautiful cane and a cut-glass fruit dish for his good wife. To Mr. and Mrs. Hall was given a fumed oak upholstered chair each. Suitable replies were made.

PETROLEA IS ALARMED OVER SCARLET FEVER

[Special to The Advertiser.]

PETROLEA, Dec. 8.—The town council has been aroused by the laxity in enforcing quarantine laws in this town, and at the regular meeting passed the following resolution:

"That in view of the increased number of scarlet fever cases in this town, and the apprehension that exists in the the public mind over the reported laxity in the enforcement of quarantine, this council hereby instruct the chairman of the police committee to instruct the medical health officer to tell doctors in the municipality that in the interest of general health of this town, it is the opinion of this council the quarantine should be more rigorously enforced, and that all cases and suspected cases be promptly reported to the clerk."

DROP IN FLOUR PRICE FOR LAST WEEK CONSIDERABLE

Easier Feeling In Sugar—Advances In Both Live and Dressed Hogs.

The Canadian Grocer this week says:

The outstanding features in the grocery markets during the week have been the decline of 60c per barrel in flour and the easier feeling in the sugar market. Millfeeds, on the other hand, have advanced and are likely to continue firmer, due to the new regulation of the British Government that the flour purchased for the use of troops must have a higher percentage of shorts and middlings. It is estimated this provision will add about ten per cent to the available flour supplies. But it will decrease the supplies of millfeeds by an equal amount.

Both live and dressed hogs have advanced again. Hogs now reaching the market are of better size and dealers do not have to sacrifie them in order to dispose of them. Butter held steady during the week, with decline in the consumption noted. Eggs are firm with very few strictly new-laids reaching the market. Dressed ducks, geese and turkeys are firmer and have advanced slightly. Honey is also firmer, due to large consumption. Cheese on the other hand is slightly easier, due to the arrival of winter cheese on the market. All dried fruits are holding steady. Teas are firm. Boxed cereals in certain instances have advanced in price. Other advances in these are anticipated. Business has been fairly good during the week, but the trouble with shortages and freight deliveries continues to be a perplexing one.

The canned goods situation is still unsettled, and some wholesalers are quoting prices on canned tomatoes at lower figures than the canners' quotations. There has been a noticeable falling-off in the demand for canned goods, due to the high prices asked. Fewer American lines have come in this week than in previous weeks. In dried fruits, the currant situation is the centre of attraction. The latest developments in Greece have upset all calculations of importers and in the present state of the market prices on currants are merely nominal.

SOLDIERS DELIGHTED TO MEET WITH HOME FOLKS

The following clipping from the Regina Leader of December 6 will be read with interest from the fact that Mrs. Ivey, whose name is mentioned, is the wife of Capt. Charles Ivey, and daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Ivey, this city:

"Just how much delight is felt when two Regina friends meet unexpectedly in Europe could be imagined very easily from a letter read to the Red Cross meeting this week by Mrs. Patton. It had been written by the wife of Major James and described how Capt. Creswell had shouted at the top of his voice, from the far end of a hospital ward, 'Hello, Miss Jamieson,' when he happened to hear the strains of a familiar violin one day. Mrs. Ivey, who was formerly Miss Ethel Jamieson, has been giving a series of concerts in the Canadian hospitals in London, delighting the patients always with the sweetness of her selections. Needless to say, they were particularly sweet to the patient who suddenly recognized a fellow-townswoman in the pl er."

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WORST YET TO COME IN MANY HARDWARE PRICES

Rise Predicted In Lines Made of Iron and Steel.

"Hardware and Metal" published today says:

All signs now point to continued advances in the prices of hardware commodities made of iron and steel. The heavy budget of price changes in the markets this week is simply a repetition of what has been occurring week after week for many months past. Precedents count for nothing. Previous high record prices on many lines look cheap when compared with prices prevailing today—and the worst is yet to come. The changes this week include enamelware, tinware, boilers, radiators, saws, files, lawn swings, lawn seats, spelter, lead, malleable fittings, asbestos, paper, rules, cow ties, churns, netting staples, bar iron, leather soles and heels, steel, sand and emery paper and cloth, fishing tackle, seine twine, galvanized sheets and many other lines. Still higher prices may be expected soon on iron pipe, scoops and shovels, galvanized and black sheets, lead products, stoves, lawnmowers, white lead in oil, wire nails and fence. Prices on pig-iron are withdrawn. Ingot metals are all firm with advances noted on lead and spelter. Despite the high prices, business is good, and the outlook for Christmas trade in most districts is excellent. All paint products are firm at the advanced prices noted last week.

CRONYN MEMORIAL CHURCH HOLDS 43RD ANNIVERSARY

Tomorrow the Cronyn Memorial Church celebrates its 43rd anniversary. The church was first opened for services on December 14, 1873, and was built by the family of the late Bishop Cronyn, as a memorial to him. Since that time the several rectors who have been in charge have built the church up until now it is one of the foremost Anglican churches in the diocese. The present rector, Rev. R. W. Norwood, is one of the most outspoken men in the ministry, and the present prosperity of the church is largely due to him.

Special services are being held tomorrow, when Rev. T. G. Wallace, M.A., rector of St. Stephen's Church, Toronto, will be the special preacher.

On Monday night following, the annual social reunion of the congregation will be held in the parish house.

SOLDIER OF JAFFA IS REPORTED KILLED

[Special to The Advertiser.]

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 8.—Another 91st man was reported killed in action today when Mrs. W. Antell of Jaffa, near Vienna, received a telegram that her husband had been killed on November 18. Mrs. Antell is left with two children.

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