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NATIONAL SERVICE BY THE PEOPLE OF NOVA SCOTIA

The National Service Board for this Province outlines what has been done and what is proposed to secure the full man power from Nova Scotia that the Empire requires.

To the People of Nova Scotia:—

The directors of National Service met at Ottawa recently and formulated schemes for carrying on their work. The duties of directors are, in effect, to make themselves acquainted with industrial conditions in their respective districts, to consider what kinds of work are essential or non-essential to the country under war conditions, to draw out and utilize all available labor so that the largest possible number of men may be freed for military service, and to decide when called upon, whether in the interest of the country, certain men should or should not exist in the overseas forces of Canada. To men who offer to enlist, but whose services are considered more valuable to the state in their present employment than if they joined the military forces, badges and certificates of exemption will be given. As the basis of all effort to utilize our resources to best advantage, it was considered essential to take a census of the man power of the Dominion. The rough outlines of a scheme having that object in view were drawn up, and the director-general had conferences with the census and post office departments of the government.

The officials of these departments are now engaged in working out the details of a scheme which we hope will give us all necessary information within a reasonable time, and at much less cost than would be entailed by a regular census.

When that data is secured and classified, we should be in a position to know what man power we have, what proportion of it is essential to carry on the necessary business of the country, and what proportion may be considered available to enter the military and naval forces of Canada.

Another subject that occupied our attention was the utilization of Women's labor during the war. It was believed that there are thousands of

women in Canada who would gladly give their services temporarily for special kinds of work, provided they knew that they were thereby releasing men for military duty. It was decided to encourage women to offer their services for such work as was suitable, and to induce employers to take advantage of such offers when opportunity arises.

With that object in view it was resolved to organize committees of women, to be known as "Women's National Service Boards," for the purpose of opening registers for female labor, of procuring employment for such women as offered their services, and for the supervision which would be necessary under new conditions.

It was also suggested that if considered desirable advisory committees of prominent employers and others might be formed for the purpose of co-operating with the women's boards and helping to secure employment for the women. The view was held that there is a large reserve of labor available if our women are asked to co-operate, and confidence was expressed that our employers would find it to be in their own interest as well as that of the country to encourage the work of the Women's National Service boards.

A number of other matters were discussed on which definite action will be taken later. Some of the directors expressed the opinion that our attitude will largely depend on the measure of our success.

The premier of Canada has issued an appeal calling upon every man and woman in the country to devote themselves to public service in some capacity during the crisis of the war. I feel confident that as far as our province is concerned that appeal will not be made in vain. Those of our young men who have not yet answered the call to active service will feel impelled to consider their position, and those of us who have to remain at home will feel called upon to consider whether we are in our own way doing our full share of service and sacrifice.

We have only to remember that all our efforts are consecrated to the task of supporting our noble boys who, for us, and for the honor of Canada, are daily enduring and dying in the trenches.

RESULTS OF QUARTERLY EXAMINATIONS IN THE BRIDGETOWN SCHOOLS

THE EUROPEAN WAR

French Troops Have Captured Town of Monastir

PARIS, Nov. 19.—French troops have captured the Serbian town of Monastir from the German and Bulgarian forces, according to an official announcement made this afternoon by the French War Department. The text of the statement reads: Army of the East: On November 18 there was great activity of the artillery on both sides of the Lake Doiran, to the Vardar River. East of the Cerna River Serbian troops, continuing their progress toward Crnaia, encircled this place. In the Cerna bend the Serbians repulsed a new Bulgarian counter-attack on Hill 1212. The enemy is falling back in disorder toward the north, pursued by our Allies, who have reached the top of Hill 1273. In the region south of Monastir the French and Russian troops made new progress in the direction of Hovelev. The English Aviation Corps bombarded the camps and bivouacs at Novak and Monastir. Troops of the army of the East entered Monastir at 5 o'clock this morning, the date of the anniversary of the taking of the town by the Serbians in 1912.

British and Canadian Troops Won a Battle in a Snow Storm

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE, Nov. 18, via London, Nov. 19.—British and Canadian troops won a battle in a snow storm this morning. Advancing on both sides the British moved in a westerly and northerly directions, they took about 500 prisoners, and established a new line on both sides and at the edge of the village of Grandcourt, for the possession of which severe fighting continued throughout the day.

Allies Demand that the Greeks Surrender all Arms and Munitions

ATHENS, Saturday, Nov. 18, via London, Nov. 19.—Vice Admiral Forneet, commander of the Anglo-French fleet in the Mediterranean, last night pressed the Greek Government to surrender all arms and munitions, and to allow the Allies of all arms, munitions and artillery of the Greek army, with the exception of some 50,000 rifles now in actual use by the forces remaining after the last step of demobilization.

British Gain Ground North of the River Ancr

LONDON, Nov. 18.—Renewing their attack near the Ancr river on the French front, the British last night made further gains, it is announced officially. Advances were made Northeast of Beaumont-Hamel and North of Beaumont Hamel and pushed out further North of Beaumont Hamel and North of Beaumont Hamel were heavily shelled by the enemy. During the night we successfully repulsed an enemy re-advance, North of Ypres, taking twenty prisoners and one machine gun.

NOW IS THE TIME

to send some Zam-Buk to your soldier friend at the front. With the coming of cold weather, the men in the trenches all suffer, more or less, with chapped hands, cold cracks, chilblains and cold sores, and the soldier who has some Zam-Buk on hand to apply immediately any of these painful ailments make their appearance, will be saved hours of suffering.

Fig. E. Westfield of "C" Company, 3rd Worcester Regiment, writes: "We wish our friends would send us out more Zam-Buk. It is splendid for sore hands, cold cracks, cold sores, etc.

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LETTER FROM SERGT. L. R. WHITMAN

To His Mother Mrs. W. H. Whitman of Clarence:

Pirbright, Surrey England, Oct. 13, 1916

Dear Mother:—

I received your letter tonight. Also four others. I am glad you are getting along so well.

You see by my address that I am at another camp. It is the Guard's Camp, where the King's Guards are trained; also where Blisley rifle ranges are. The Canadians used to come here in time of peace, to shoot for the King's prizes.

The huts are fine, all painted inside and out. Baths, wash and toilets included.

We have been here since last Sunday, taking a Stokes 3-inch M.K. 2 trench howitzer company. We have four breeches batteries, four guns to each battery at this school, being several schools for trench mortar courses.

This particular gun has been in action for ten months. It has a very high angle, for 200 yds. it shoots about 300 yds high. The barrel points up in the air. We sight the gun with a periscope, having to stay very low in the trenches as the pieces will fly 300 yds. The bomb has 2 1/2 lbs. of very low, a very high explosive. The fuse is a safety time, fourteen seconds long and we cut it according to the number of yds. we fire; the longer the range, the shorter the fuse; the shorter the range the more we elevate the barrel. We put the bombs together ourselves. They have a pistol head with a firing pin like a rifle or gun. It hits a primer and starts the fuse going. The bomb has two safety pins we pull out just before we load. The gun is muzzle loading.

We have a Sgt. Major who fired 64 bombs in ten minutes, each bomb weighing 16 lbs. He went through the Dardanelles expedition, being shot through one lung, bullet passing through top of the liver and going down his back.

Today we were firing live bombs. It is wild work, the pieces coming 300 yds. back. We have gun pits and dugouts to get into when we fire. We watch results through the periscope. The explosions are terrific, blowing big holes in the ground and throwing the sand bags high in the air.

One bomb, which the British use, weighs 192 lbs. It will blow a hole in the ground 30 or 40 ft. deep and as far across.

The Germans have one similar, a gasoline bomb, covered with every thing even to knives, razors and all manner of sharp things. It is fired with about half a ton of black powder, making it easy to locate. It is fired from a pit about 40 ft. deep.

We have to learn how to use all kinds of explosives, gas, cotton, etc.

The present charge of the howitzer bomb, we use, is a 12 gauge short-barrel like the ones we used at Gallipoli, only it is loaded with ballistite, short range work 120 grs. long range 175 grs.

The container, containing the cartridge, has holes in the side so when it falls down the muzzle of the gun, it hits a striker pin, which explodes the cartridge, the gas escaping through the holes into the 3 inch barrel. The bomb just fits the barrel and is about 15 inches long, with pistol head and container.

It is very dangerous work, especially for green horns, so when we shoot live bombs we have two doctors in attendance.

Father will probably understand this much better than you, mother.

We have a few German prisoners, soldiers and sailors, taken during the latest British offensive. They stay in canvas tents and have their own barracks.

They are guarded by guards, armed with rifles, with orders to shoot should any attempt to escape.

Their uniforms are all colors, no two alike, all the worst looking things you could imagine. They are marked with red patches, mostly on the seat, to identify them by.

I expect Arthur is in France by this time. Have not heard but hope to see him in Bramshott when I go back tomorrow afternoon.

I would love to have some of the apples from the farm, but don't send any. We can get them here by paying 12cts a lb. Had some that came from California.

In England you see Soldier's Homes and Y.M.C.A.'s everywhere you go. The Canadians have special places in London, for Canadians only.

We have had a good time since we came here, with short hours. I weigh 190 lbs so you see I have not lost much although we nearly starved the 10 days we were shooting at White Hill.

I have fired \$150 worth of various ammunition and bombs, since I came over here.

I will close for this time, with love from Roy.

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