

BRITISH SOLDIERS IN BOSTON.

There Are Many Who Fought in the Russian War of 50 Years Ago Who Have the Four-clasp Medal.

(Boston Sunday Globe.) The culminating fight of the Russian war—the final assault on Sebastopol, which compelled the Russians to evacuate the fortress they had so nobly defended against the attacks of the French and British armies, took place on Sept. 3, 1854, more than 47 years ago, and strange as it may seem, it is more than probable that more survivors of that historic battle are living in and around the city of Boston than in any other city of the same size in Great Britain itself.

What is yet more remarkable to those who have studied closely the story of the struggles in the Crimea, a large number of these veterans are now the medal with the four clasps, indicating that they served during the whole of the campaign. Remembering that the British army landed at Old Fort, September 1854, took part in the well-fought and bloody pitched battles of Alma, Inkerman and Balaklava and held the trenches around the closely invested city, through a winter of terrible suffering from cold, lack of food and transportation, and incessant, almost nightly sorties from their brave and active enemy, so that 60 per cent. of the army perished, it will be seen that the presence of a dozen or more of men who were in the first expedition are in a foreign city nearly half a century after the war, is a startling record.

There are many reasons for the presence of a large number of old British soldiers in this city, other than the fact that the "Ragged Bunch of Old Men" came to Canada after the war, and still more came to what is now the Dominion of Ontario. One of the most likely is that many of the British regiments came to Canada after the war, and still more came to what is now the Dominion of Ontario. One of the most likely is that many of the British regiments came to Canada after the war, and still more came to what is now the Dominion of Ontario.

Some British regiments in Canada suffered very heavily from desertion during the civil war, notably the 52nd, or "The Sprinklers," as they were nicknamed, now the first battalion of the "Wildflower" regiment. The British army at that time were quartered in different portions of Canada, instead of being concentrated at Halifax, and the chances of eluding the vigilance of the military police were greater than they are today.

If one may judge by the quality of "years" swapped at meetings of these same veterans today, the military police were not altogether averse to seeing their own chums get away easy, rather than to under this disagreeable necessity of arresting them, with the prospect of the loss of a long term in jail for them. Hence, if it be not telling tales out of school, why should veteran Blank, an old "Sprinkler," but later of the Canadian military police, remind veteran Double Blank, whose last time they met in a frontier tavern, when someone, not unlike veteran Blank himself, suggested that "if there were any more of these fellows, they had better 'spring.'" And they did "spring," as a certain resident of Chelsea can testify to this day.

But, from those who have deserted their colors for the attractions of the states, there were very many who came here after their term of service had expired, and who, after serving a further term in the Canadian militia, then, when they are very proud of having in their possession honorable discharges and medals, and many of them draw pensions from the British government at the consulate in this city, a privilege granted the soldiers, but for some reason known only to the lords commissioning the British army, denied to the veteran sailors of the empire.

Among the most notable of these veterans may be mentioned Sergt. Todd, formerly of the old Cameron Highlanders, and recently superintendent of the Dedham & Hyde Park Gas Company, who lives in West Roxbury. He served during the whole of the Crimean war, having a three-clasp medal. He also served in the Indian mutiny, and was present at the second relief of Lucknow, under Sir Colin Campbell.

Richard Sparks, formerly of the 63rd regiment, the "Bloodsuckers," has a four-clasp medal, indicating that he served from the beginning of the war, and he also wears the prizes scarcely less than the medal, a soldier's "housewife," presented to him by Florence Nightingale.

Charles E. Borrow of Roxbury also wears the four-clasp medal. He was in the first battalion of the Prince Consort's own rifle brigade. Wicked and irreverent comrades used to call them "The Sweepers," from their dark uniforms. But the Sweepers had more than their full share of the fighting, and Mr. Borrow's experience was a lively one.

There are persons around them who are critical. To sum up the whole matter, there are at least a hundred men in and about Boston who fought in the Russian war, nearly half a century ago, whose names have been mentioned, have not the discharge to prove their absolute just claim of honor, however, took advantage of the Queen's pardon in 1887 and have been given documents to prove their claim, or "protections," as they are officially called.

FRIDAY'S FIRE. Did Considerable Damage in Sutherland Building, Union Street. Quite a serious fire occurred Friday day a. m. in the large brick building on Union street, known as the Sutherland building, and the members of the fire department had two hours of pretty hard work before the flames were extinguished. As a result the whole interior of the building is damaged, chiefly by water, although the fire itself was confined to the portion in which it originated.

The building is owned by the Allyn McLean estate and was occupied as follows: First floor, Slinney & Mitchell, milliners; James E. Hogan, saloon; J. Cullinan & Sons, dry goods; second floor, Irish Literary and Benevolent Society; Thomas Sutherland's shoe shop, J. J. Dwyer, store room for the shoe shop, A. J. Russell's candy factory; fourth floor, 62nd Bandroom, St. John Orchestra room, Teamsters' Association room and Vincent McGuire's tailor shop.

At seven o'clock Joseph Pierce, who was in Russell's candy factory went to the building to find the fire. He was on the third floor and here the principal damage was done. Owing to the dense smoke and the penetrating odor of burning leather the firemen had some difficulty in working, but the four streams of water, two from No. 2 engine and two from Union street hydrants were soon playing on the flames and the burning material was extinguished. At one time threatened the entire building was overcome. The Salvage Corps did good work in protecting the stock and furnishings in the buildings with rubber blankets.

The fire appears to have originated in Sutherland's workshop and was practically confined to this part of the building. The stock in this shop is almost total loss. Mr. Sutherland thought he had insurance in the Commercial Union, A. C. Fairweather, agent, and his policy which was for \$500 expired a short time ago. He thinks his loss will be between \$300 and \$1,000.

The damage in the upper floor of the building is slight with the exception of Vincent McGuire's tailor shop which was completely gutted. The floor in other parts was torn up by the firemen for the purpose of getting at the flames. Mr. Russell says that his stock on the third floor is by the fire. He has no insurance.

On the second floor the pool and billiard tables in the Irish Society's rooms were considerably damaged. They are being repaired by the fire department. The company, in which another policy of \$300 on the other furniture is also held. On the lower floor Slinney & Mitchell expired a short time ago. His stock and considerable amount of material was damaged. This loss is covered by a policy of \$300 in the Guardian Company.

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HARD WINTER IN ENGLAND. Thousands of Unemployed Fight for Chances to Work.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—The grip is unusually severe this winter and has already been felt throughout England with the result that all who can do so are leaving town. Hundreds of people are on their way to India to attend the Delhi jubilee, and thousands are flocking to the south of France and the Channel Islands. Christmas house parties are being organized in the big country places where the frost is rapidly spoiling the hunting and driving the "guns" indoors to less strenuous recreations. Such as bridge, whist and amateur theatricals. In East London the winter is having a very different effect. Thousands of unemployed persons daily congregate at the dock yard gates, literally fighting for a chance to do a day's work. Unskilled laborers are there in strong force and the police find it necessary to protect the foremen who distribute the work tickets each day.

That portion of the fashionable world which can afford Christmas gifts is watching the purchases of the members of the royal family in order to follow suit. King Edward's gifts this year run largely to pen and pencil holders, cigarette cases and delicate enamel work, set with a new variety of stones. In the case of the queen, heretofore unknown in the realm of jewelry.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN GERMANY. BERLIN, Dec. 6.—The bitterly cold weather which prevails throughout Germany has caused various municipalities to vote contributions in aid of the unemployed. Dresden has just voted \$25,000 for this purpose.

HOSTS OF BEGGARS IN RUSSIA. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 6.—Lack of employment is causing unprecedented distress in the interior of Russia. In limited semi-transparent shops and beggars literally invade the shops and houses and the streets are filled with sick and starving people. Similar pitiful details come from other interior cities.

HEALTH AND HOPE. "He who has health has hope; and he who has hope has everything." But health is of some value. And the most useful disease with the dreadful pains which accompany it. With the flesh gradually falling, the back aching, and the despair which often comes to victims of this kind, the best remedy is Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills will restore hope, confidence and health. One pill a dose, 25 cents a box.

U. S. CATTLE DISEASE. The Government Will Spend a Million Dollars to Stamp It Out in New England. WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The president and cabinet are taking unusual interest in the foot and mouth disease among cattle in the New England States. The government has requested the cabinet to spare no pains or expense in stamping out the disease in New England and Rhode Island and preventing it from crossing the Hudson river.

The agriculturists of this country, and particularly of the eastern and middle states, are very anxious to get rid of the most serious menace that ever threatened them," said Cong. James W. Wadsworth, of Geneva, chairman of the committee on agriculture. "New York farmers should absolutely refuse to buy stock from New England, no matter what the inducement. If this foot and mouth disease once gets into New York state it will mean a loss of \$5,000,000. Dr. Salmon of the bureau of animal industry, has gone to Boston, and has just summoned his corps of 20 experts from the west. He is getting the ship into winter quarters at the point indicated so great that it is worth the sacrifice."

FATAL FIRE. A Steamship Burned to the Water's Edge. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 6.—One fireman was drowned and three others were taken to a hospital overcome by smoke as the result of the fire which broke out on the Boston and Philadelphia Steamship Co.'s steamship Saxon early this morning. The steamship was in 35 feet of water at the foot of Pine street, burned to the water's edge. The dead fireman is Wm. Seville, who went into the hold of the vessel to fight the flames. Before he could reach the deck, the vessel gave a lurch and he was caught in the rush of water and drowned.

The loss on the Saxon is about \$60,000. She came in yesterday and had discharged nearly all of her cargo. She was on the regular line between Philadelphia, Providence and Fall River. She was built in 1893 and had a gross tonnage of 1,325 tons. She was owned by Boston & Philadelphia S. S. Co., with headquarters in Boston.

Grip inhabiting the island of Himla, near Rhodes, are not allowed to marry until they have brought up a specific number of sponges, each taken from a certain depth. The people of the island earn their living by the sponge fishery.

Children Cry for CASTORIA.

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BACK FROM NORTH DAKOTA. James McCready, who left Peter- ville, Queens Co., over twenty years ago, returned a short time ago with a tidy fortune and is now endeavoring to purchase a suitable farm in the province where he intends to settle down for the rest of his life. During the twenty years he has been in North Dakota, where in the course of years he acquired a large farm and did well. But what with droughts, blizzards, etc., the prospects there were too uncertain for him and he made up his mind that though there might be more money in farming in Dakota than there was back in New Brunswick, home was good enough for him, so he sold his farm and came back here. He has been inspecting properties in various parts of the province.

FIRE AT UPHAM. The house of B. W. S. Titus, of Upham, was destroyed by fire Tuesday Dec. 2nd, and was a total loss. The house was a new one. Although the family had been living in it for about a year the carpenter only finished the work of completion last Monday. It is supposed the fire caught from the fire. The family had retired, and Mrs. Titus was awakened by a smothering sensation and roused her husband. Very little of the furniture, only what could be got at readily down stairs, was saved. The furniture upstairs was all destroyed. The total loss is about \$2,000, and there was no insurance. The house was close to the store, the walls of which were considerably scorched. Mr. Titus and family are now living in his father's home.

TRIALS OF AN OLD LADY. Could Scarcely Walk and Sleep and She Were Strangers. Kidney Complaint was the Trouble—Dodd's Kidney Pills Cured it and Now she Can Digly Sleep and Walk. BEAR RIVER, DUBUQUE CO., N. S. Dec. 6.—(Special)—Of peculiar interest to aged people is the statement made by Mrs. Elizabeth Berry of this place. Mrs. Berry is sixty-five years of age, and for over eight years she was troubled with Chronic Kidney Complaint. She was so bad that she could scarcely walk from one room to another, she could not sleep and she required assistance even to dress herself. Dodd's Kidney Pills cured her. Here's what she says herself:

"A friend advised me to take Dodd's Kidney Pills. I took one box, but that not helping me I left off taking any more for three years. I at last got so that I could not dress or undress myself and could scarcely sleep more than five minutes at a time. Then I resolved to give Dodd's Kidney Pills a thorough trial. I took five boxes and they proved such a success I took seven more boxes. Now I can sleep much better and am completely cured of Kidney Trouble. "When I started taking Dodd's Kidney Pills I could only walk from one room to another. Now I can walk a mile." Dodd's Kidney Pills make the old feel young again.

AGRICULTURE RAN MAD. (Worcester, Mass. Sp.) The department of agriculture is boarding 12 young men for the purpose mainly of discovering the effect of foods and substances that are under suspicion. They are divided into two squads, which will be kept alternately on pure food, and food mixed with the foreign substances. While one set of six is being fed on pure food, the other six will be kept on impure food. When time expires has passed to note the effect of the adulterated food on the six men, whom the have been administered, these men will be put back on the pure food diet until restored to normal condition, and the other six will be fed with adulterated food, and thus they will be shifted from one diet to the other until the experiments have been completed. By frequent weighings and other tests the chemist of the department hopes to learn just how much wholesome food is required to keep each man at a certain weight and to what extent various adulterants, preservatives and coloring agents are harmful.

Sch. Howard, from New York for Halifax, before reported returned to New York in distress, was towed to New York to be discharged and repaired.

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