

CLOSELY WATCH SOUTHERN PORTS

Capt. Moore, of the Waterwitch, Tells of British Naval Activities off Coast of South America

Capt. Moore of Crosbie's Waterwitch says that numbers of German and Austrian, principally German, steamers are detained in Brazilian ports, afraid to leave and that German trade, which was extensive with that country before the outbreak of war is now nil.

When he left Bahia more than a score of the enemy's steamers were lying idle in the port. They dared not put to sea, because just off the harbor a couple of British warships are quietly steaming about, prepared for action and ready to pounce upon them.

Had to Stay There.

One German steamer managed to sneak into Bahia by painting her funnel like the Prince Line and otherwise altering her appearance. But she has not been able to leave and when the Waterwitch got underway for home she was anchored with the others.

British and neutral shipping arriving there from Santos and Rio de Janeiro report even worse conditions at the more southern places. There, too, British warships are keeping vigil with the result that German and Austrian trade is paralyzed.

German Watched.

The same applies to Pernambuco. One of the ships guarding that port is H. M. S. training ship Cornwall, on which is Lieut. Colville, son-in-law of Mr. J. W. Withers, of this City. In a naval battle the Cornwall would not be of much service, but for chasing merchantmen she is as good as the best.

Capt. Moore says that in a remote place like St. John's we are hardly able to appreciate the great work of the British Navy, but if we could see what has transpired in such places as Bahia, our opinion of the Navy would be increased a hundred times.

ELABORATE SHOW AT THE NICKEL

Comedy, Tragedy and Travogue All Figure

An elaborate programme has been arranged for the Nickel Theatre this evening, and no doubt it will attract large audiences.

There are no less than six different pictures including a two reel film. The latter is by the Lubin Co. and is entitled "A Cruel Revenge." It is a film of gorgeous scenes, the story is romantic, the acting and photography superb. It is an exceedingly clever presentation.

"A Glimpse of Los Angeles" is a charming travogue. "Peggy's Invitation" is a great social drama, in which the well known actress Marguerite Snow plays the leading role. "The End of the Circle" is a western melo-drama full of interest.

There are two comedies. One is "Capers of Cupid by the Vitagraph Co." and "A Misplaced Foot" by the Keystone artists.

Mr. Arthur C. Huskins will repeat Donnie Mary of Argyll for the last time. Those who have not yet heard him in this delightful song should hear it.

WEDDING BELLS

Martin-Stringer.

A very pretty wedding took place at Grate's Cove Friday evening, Oct. 23, when Mr. Thomas Martin and Miss Katherine Stringer, a popular young couple, of Grate's Cove, were united in matrimony, the Rev. Mr. Higgitt officiating.

The bride, charmingly dressed, was attended by Mrs. Absolom Hodder, and Misses Maud Avery, Virtue Benson and Jane Noel.

Messrs J. Hodden, C. S. Benson, E. Martin and E. Stansford acted as groomsmen.

After the nuptial knot was tied, a short address was given by the pastor, then the bridal party proceeded to their future residence where a reception was held and the health of the bride and groom enthusiastically toasted.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin were the recipients of many useful present evidencing the esteem in which they are held among their friends.

Chinaman Arrested

Hung Wee, a 26-year-old Chinaman of Theatre Hill, was arrested yesterday, charged with stealing \$30.31 and a \$12 suit of clothes from Kong Lee, and an \$8 overcoat from Goo Kee.

He pleaded guilty this morning and for the two charges was fined \$100 or 4 months in jail.

BISHOP JONES RETURNS HOME

Speak Admiringly of the Spirit the British People Are Displaying

His Lordship Bishop Jones arrived by the Carthaginian this morning and is enjoying excellent health though the trip was a stormy one.

His Lordship informed our reporter that he regretted very much not being able to be present when the Newfoundland regiment arrived at Plymouth, but many friends of the Old Colony were present and gave the lads a warm welcome.

His Lordship was in communication with Capt. Franklin and also visited the War Office. He had to be in Liverpool on Saturday week, and as there was some delay in the landing of the troops he could not see them. Although there is excitement in England because of the war, the people are coping with conditions in a splendid manner.

The splendid treatment which the Belgians receive is an object lesson to the whole world.

Not one of the refugees goes unprovided for. If they were Britain's own people they could not be better treated, and a bond of friendship has been made which time is not likely to break.

We are glad to see Bishop Jones home again, and trust that his trip has been beneficial to his health.

THE LENGTH OF WARS.

Following is a table showing the time occupied in deciding some of the big struggles of the past fifty or sixty years:

Wars	Duration	Years in Days
Crimean	1854-65	734
United States Civil	1861-65	2,456
Franco-German	1870-71	405
Russo-Turkish	1877-78	334
Spanish-American	1898	101
Boer	1899-1902	962
Russo-Japanese	1904-05	576
Balkan	1912	302

GERMAN ATTEMPT CHECKED

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the same stubbornness. Yesterday the German troops made progress.

On the other battlefield in the western theatre no important events have occurred. To the west of Augustow the attack of the Germans is slowly proceeding. To the south-west of Warsaw our troops have repulsed all attacks. Strong Russian forces are north of Ivangorod.

A new Russian army corps has crossed the Vistula.

SUICIDED?

London, Oct. 27.—A despatch from Rotterdam says that General Von Bessler, conqueror of Antwerp is dead.

It is said that he shot himself on Thursday in a room at Bruges.

Fogota arrived at Badgers Quay at 8.50 a.m. and left at 9.25.

CANADA PROUD OF HER FORCE

Lt.-Col. Langton, First Transport Officer, Tells of Embarkation of Troops

Toronto, Oct. 26.—The transports that left Quebec carrying the Canadian contingent, if placed end to end, would cover a distance of three miles. Running in column line ahead, and four cables apart, the length of the line would be fifteen miles. Side by side the total beam of the vessels is 2,000 feet. The total length of the ships is 15,783 feet. The total gross tonnage of the vessels is 317,847.

These were facts given out by Lieut.-Col. J. G. Langton, secretary of the Sterling Trust Corporation, Toronto, who was first railway transport officer responsible for the movement of troops to Valcartier, and then became assistant director-general of embarkation, having charge of the movement of troops from the camp and the appointment of the men to the several ships comprising the convoy. Now that the Canadians have safely landed on the other side of the Atlantic, Lieut.-Col. Langton is free to speak.

Thirty Vessels.

There were 30 vessels used to transport the men. They were: The Adonia, Athenia, Alaunia, Arcadian, Bermudian, Cassandria, Carribean, Corinthian, Franconia, Grampan, Ivernia, Lapland, Laurentic, Lakonia, Manitou, Monmouth, Montreal, Montezuma, Megantic, Scotian, Sicilian, Scandinavian, Saxonia, Royal George, Royal Edward, Tyrolia, Tunisian, Ruthenia, Virginia, Zealand. In addition there was the Florizel, used to transport the Newfoundlanders.

"The outward movement from the camp started with the departure of the artillery by route march on September 22, in the evening, and the last transport left the Quebec docks on October 1," said Lieut.-Col. Langton. "The loading of the transports started on September 23. The mounted units left camp by road, the infantry by train. The loading of the transports continued day and night.

Great Material.

"No one could be associated with the camp and not be struck with the kind of material Canada sent."

Although other railroads took troops from different parts of Canada to Quebec, the C. N. R. handled them from that city into Valcartier camp. It took 117 trains to handle them, outside of the regular trains.

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READ THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

FRANCE'S NEW BIG BATTLESHIP

Is 24,800 Tons and Carries Twelve Big Guns

Bordeaux, Oct. 26.—The super-dreadnought Normandie, one of the most powerful battleships ever built by France, has been successfully launched. It will be placed in commission as soon as possible for service against the German fleet.

The French Government must have hastened the completion of the Normandie, for she was not expected to be ready before 1916. She is described in the French navy list as being 574 feet long, 91 feet 10 inches in beam, 30 feet draught, and 24,800 tons displacement.

She embodied a bold idea of the French battleship builders in that she has three quadruple turrets, instead of the usual five turrets. There are twelve big guns, 13.5 inches, in these turrets, and the whole of them may be fired at once as a broadside on either side of the ship. The Normandie has also 24 5.5-inch quick-firing guns.

At Rest

The remains of the late John Hart were interred at Bevedere cemetery yesterday. The prayers at the Cathedral were read by Rev. Dr. Greene.

\$9,500 a Shot Cost Of Firing Big Guns

Each Weighs One Hundred and Twenty-five Tons

New York, Oct. 26.—Some of the details of the construction of the new famous German 42-centimeter siege gun, which is credited with reducing the fortifications of Antwerp, are related by Hugh McAtamney, advertising agent of this city, who said they were told to him by a German conversant with the Krupp works.

The gun is said to weigh 125 tons, and each shot one ton. It takes three quarters of a ton of powder to fire it. The length of the piece is 63.9 feet, and its range 28 miles.

The cost of each shot is 38,000 marks, or \$9,500, and the cost of the gun 1,850,000 marks, or \$462,000. Mr. McAtamney said. The life of the gun is 120 rounds and its capacity one shot every ten minutes. The shot is fired through electrical control from a distance of 1,300 feet.

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"CARTHAGINIAN" FROM LIVERPOOL

The Allan liner Carthaginian, Capt. Ogilvie, arrived at 8 o'clock this morning, after a passage of 9 days. She left Liverpool on Sunday night week and had a stormy passage across and was detained by fog outside.

She brought 600 tons general cargo, 18 bags, 10 baskets mail matter and the following passengers:—Rt. Rev. His Lordship Bishop Jones, Capt. R. Finner, 6 intermediate and 1 steerage.

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COAST TO COAST PROTESTS RAISED

Naval Reservists Also Demand That They be Allowed to Aid Navy

Ottawa, Ont., October 26.—The enlistment of the second Canadian Contingent for service overseas is marked by strong complaints from the various divisional areas and military districts. These complaints, however, are in their nature gratifying, for they refer to the small numbers which each military area is called upon to supply. From all points come protests to the effect that in many cases over double the number allotted to districts have already offered themselves.

To British Columbia has been given the task of raising two battalions. Apparently, however, this is not considered a task at all, for a strong complaint has been received by the department asking that the number allotted be increased to a brigade, as there are plenty of first-class recruits to make up that number. The department was compelled to remind that province that it had been given two battalions, and that there were eight other provinces to be considered, and only 16,000 men to be raised for the infantry branch of the second force.

Similar protests have been received from Toronto, Winnipeg and many other points. It is very clear that there are plenty of men in Canada.

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Former Reservists wishing to join under these conditions (namely, for one year) are requested to communicate with the Commanding Officer of H.M.S. "Calypso."

(Sgd.) A. MacDERMOTT, Lieutenant-Commander. oct27,6i

Recruits Required

Newfoundland Royal Naval Reserve.

500 Recruits are required immediately for Active Service in Europe.

Candidates must be between the ages of 18 and 35 and must be either Fishermen or Seamen.

Period of service for this special force will be for one year from date of enrolling. Free passes to St. John's can be obtained from Magistrates, Justices of the Peace, Customs Officials, or by application to H.M.S. "Calypso."

A. MacDERMOTT, Lieutenant-Commander. oct26,6i

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