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SCOTCH PRAISE OUR MEN

Inverness Courier Pays High Tribute to Newfoundland Contingent, Now Stationed at Fort George

WITH wonderful celerity the Newfoundland contingent of volunteers who arrived at Fort-George last week have settled down to the routine of stern military training...

Well built, strapping fellows, full of vigour, hardy and strong, the contingent on parade look a capable lot in their khaki uniforms...

Not "Canadians." They object to be described as "Canadians"; not that they have any ill-will against their neighbouring Colonials...

Patriotism in the Colony Frankly our Colonial friends answered our queries regarding the feeling in Newfoundland, and the composition of the contingent...

The contingent was mobilised in St. John's, the capital. From every class, rich and poor, offers to serve came.

A strict test, both physically and as regards marksmanship, had to be passed. Over 600 picked men were seen ready to leave their native shores.

Pleasant Voyage. After a pleasant voyage the Newfoundlanders were landed at Plymouth, and ultimately made their way to Salisbury Plains, where they did some preliminary training.

They stay at Salisbury Plains was a trying test even for the Newfoundlanders, although it is questionable if any troops can withstand the rigours of wintry weather like the men from the colony.

Much-Coveted Victoria Cross For Bandsman

Showed Conspicuous Bravery in Attending Wounded Under Fire and Rescuing Buried Men.

London, Jan. 12.—The Victoria Cross was awarded today to Bandsman Thomas Gentle of the First Battalion of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry.

Opens an Avenue For Contraband

Hamburg-American Route Thru Kiel Canal to Copenhagen

London, Jan. 11.—Commenting on the announcement by the Hamburg-American line that it is inaugurating a service between Hamburg and Copenhagen, by way of the Kiel Canal, the Star remarks that this development may be read as an interesting footnote to Sir Edward Grey's reply to Washington on the contraband question.

went through the whole contingent when it was learned that they were going to Scotland. Often had they heard of Scotland and of the Highlands, and of its similarity geographically to that of many parts of their native land.

Their journey by train through England was pleasant, but it was only when they left Perth, and got into the heart of the Highlands, that they really felt they had got a glimpse of their own country.

Their landing at Fort-George, the welcome from the Seaforth Highlanders, and the fact that their quarters were situated on the Firth, all went to add to the pleasure of coming to the Highlands.

CAMP LIFE TOO TRYING FOR TROOPS

Outbreak of Disease Threatens To Decimate Canadians at Salisbury—Will Be Moved to France

London, Jan. 11.—In consequence of a serious outbreak of spinal meningitis in the Canadian Camps at Salisbury Plain, which has already caused a number of deaths, a determined effort is being made in the highest British-Canadian circles to secure the drastic step of having the entire contingent billeted or else removed to France at once, the latter move being considered preferable.

Anything which the authorities at Ottawa can do to back up the efforts being made in England, would be greatly appreciated, as it is considered by those in touch with the situation here, that the proposal is one of overwhelming importance for the welfare of the Canadian troops.

ITALIAN WARSHIPS PUT TO SEA

Ultimatum to Turkey Having Expired Without Satisfactory Reply—Italian Fleet Sails Under Sealed Orders.

Rome, Jan. 11.—Five Italian warships and a flotilla of torpedo-boat destroyers sailed from Taranto at seven o'clock on Sunday evening, one hour after the time limit of the ultimatum to Turkey expired.

The warships sailed under sealed orders, but it is rumored at the Marine Ministry that they are on their way to Hodeida, the Arabian port where Turks arrested a British Consul who had taken refuge under the Italian flag, and precipitated a crisis that is expected to bring Italy into the war.

It is reported, though not officially confirmed, that the Italian warships will demand from the municipal authorities of Hodeida, the reparation that Turkey thus far has failed to give.

Paris Guards Against Raids By Airships

Anti-Aircraft Guns Established in the City and in the Surrounding Trenches

Paris, Jan. 11.—Deliberate preparations have been completed to guard Paris against possible raids by Germany's Zeppelin fleets.

Minister of War Millerand, and General Gallieni, Military Governor of Paris, visited to-day the outer trenches protecting the city, and inspected various anti-aircraft guns and other means of defense against Zeppelins.

KARLSRUHE STATED SUNK IN ACTION

Letter Reaches Montreal From Grenada in Which Writer Says He Saw Engagement and Wreckage

Montreal, Jan. 12.—The Montreal Gazette publishes a letter received by a Montreal gentleman and dated Santer, Grenada, B.W.I., Dec. 3, which expresses the belief that the German cruiser Karlsruhe was sunk in a naval engagement to the North of Grenada on Nov. 25th.

The letter states that fishermen, six days afterwards, reported having seen dead bodies in the water and on the Isle of Rhondre. A lifebuoy came ashore marked S.M.S. Karlsruhe, besides wreckage and barrels of food-stuffs and an officer's sword wrapped in oilcloth.

China Invokes Grave Trouble With Japanese

Abolishes War Zone on Shan Tung And Japan Regrets This As Attempt to Oust Her

Tokio, Jan. 11.—The Peking Government has abolished the war zone on Shantung Peninsula, and this action is regarded by Japan as an unfriendly act.

Premier Okuma has summoned the cabinet for a special session tomorrow, at which the Chinese action will be discussed.

British Heir Leads Men To Trenches

3,000 Men March to Fighting Line Under The Prince of Wales

Wales, Jan. 11.—Letters received here state that the Prince of Wales led the Hertfordshire territorials to the trenches on Dec. 23.

A column of 3,000 men led by the Hertfordshire regiment, with the Prince at the head, marched 20 miles on New Year's Day.

German Soldiers Chained to Guns By Their Officers

Significant Discovery Made by French Officers—Knives Found On German Officers

Paris, Jan. 9.—German soldiers, chained to mitrailleuses to prevent their retreating under French shell fire is the latest instance of what the Intransigent—which received the details in a letter from a French artillery officer—calls the German officers' barbarity toward their soldiers.

The writer describes the capture of two mitrailleuses, buried by the explosion of French shells. The attackers discovered that the weapons were connected with groaning Germans, also half-buried, who declared their officers, who had fled previously, had padlocked them to the mitrailleuses to prevent their following that example.

TURKS DECIDE TO LEAVE EGYPT SEVERELY ALONE

London, Jan. 12.—Advice received from Athens says that it is now reported in Greek capital that the plan to have the Eighth Turkish Army Corps proceed from Damascus to the Egyptian frontier is being abandoned.

Brussels Reported As Being On Fire

Report to This Effect Brought to Dutch Town by Refugees

Amsterdam, Jan. 11.—Refugees, who arrived at Bergen on Zoom from Brussels, says the Nieuw Van Dem Dag, report that a great fire has broken out at the former Belgian capital.

S.S. Nascope after discharging her salt cargo goes to Halifax to load deals for England.

GREY'S NOTE IS APPROVED BY BRITISH

London Papers Say it Constitutes a Frank Reply to American Protest—Can't Afford to Take Any Chances

London, Jan. 11.—The London afternoon papers, commenting on the reply of Foreign Secretary Grey to the American Note, are unanimous in calling attention to Britain's debt, and her desire to repay it by interfering with American trade as little as is necessary to secure the safety of this country and her allies.

The papers take the ground that the Foreign Secretary's facts and figures, unless they can be explained or rebutted, prove that supplies necessary to the prosecution of the war have reached the enemy under cover of neutral trade.

The Right Reply. The Pall Mall Gazette says: "The reply was just what every Briton will approve who warmly desires the friendship of the United States, but who also is determined that no legitimate weapon shall be sheathed which can be used to bring the war to a speedy and successful conclusion."

The Globe expresses the opinion that "Sir Edward Grey's frank and friendly reply goes in some directions even further toward meeting the wishes of the United States than some of us think prudent."

American Comment. London, Jan. 12.—American comment on the British preliminary reply to President Wilson's protest against the detention of American shipping by British warships was read with great interest by British officials to-day, who expressed much pleasure at the repeated evidence of the friendly spirit which the negotiations are proceeding.

Matter of Knowledge. "Britain," one prominent official said, "fully realizes Germany had made heavy purchases of copper and other metals useful in war from her European neighbors preceding hostilities, and that, consequently, a large supply of copper was required by these

Chased Back Aeroplanes From Paris

Watchful French Aviators Prevent German Airmen From Raiding Their Capital.

Paris, Jan. 12.—Two German aeroplanes, heading for Paris, were sighted yesterday by the French Air Patrols. One of the German machines was near Pontoise and the other was sighted over La Martin.

Both turned Northward again when they saw French aeroplanes driving in their direction.

The presence of hostile aeroplanes in this vicinity is regarded as interesting, as it is considered likely that it was the intention of the German airmen to attack Paris and London simultaneously.

Sent 'Koenigsburg' To The Bottom

German Cruiser Meets Her Fate in an East African River

London, Jan. 11.—The German cruiser Koenigsberg, which was bottled up in a river on the coast of Africa, several weeks ago, has been sunk, according to a despatch received from the South to-day.

Patriotic Concert

Great preparations are being made for the Patriotic Concert to take place in the Casino Theatre on Wednesday of next week in aid of the Belgian Relief and Patriotic Funds.

Many of our young artists who are well known will assist, and also Mrs. R. A. Squires and Rev. Mr. Thomas. It will be under the patronage of H.E. the Governor.

DEADLOCK BOTH EAST AND WEST

Only a Change in Weather or the Participation of Roumania and Italy Can Effect Any Modification

London, Jan. 11.—Only a change of weather or the entrance into the war of Roumania or Italy, or both, is likely to bring any marked change in military situation in Europe for some time to come.

What turn the weather will take no one can predict, but the belief is growing in those countries allied against Germany, Austria and Turkey, that Roumania, with her well trained army of not less than 400,000 men, will at an early date throw herself into the conflict, which would in effect link Roumania with the extreme left now forcing its way into Hungary, through Bukovina.

Taking into considerations the Serbians and Montenegrins, this would form a line menacing Austria-Hungary along the entire south-eastern frontier from Russia to the Adriatic.

ADMITS MURDER OF LADY

Colored Man Confesses That He Did Miss Dunn to Death at North Sydney on December 21

North Sydney, Jan. 8.—West, the colored man, has confessed to the murder of Miss Cassie Dunn. The statement was made to Stipendiary Forbes this morning in the presence of Chief of Police H. W. McKinnon.

The murder was committed between five and six o'clock on the evening of December 21st, and was discovered shortly after by Adam Ross, who boarded with Miss Dunn. The body was found terribly cut about the head at the bottom of the cellar stairs.

Strongly Suspected. For the past few days, especially since the arrest of Connolly, the suspicion has been growing stronger that West was the murderer, and on Wednesday night, Officer Bryant took the man to the Dunn house and went over the scene of the crime with him, following the movements the murderer was supposed to have made.

West let sufficient drop on the occasion of that visit to give the prosecution a clue as to the line of examination, and he was subjected to a rigid questioning by the Crown Prosecutor. West broke up pretty badly during the examination yesterday, and this morning made a full confession of the crime. He does not implicate any other persons.

Was Kind to Him. On the evening of the murder West said he went to Miss Dunn's and she sent him to the cellar for a scuttle of coal which he brought up, and Miss Dunn gave him a lunch in the dining room.

While he was sitting eating the victim passed beside him and he attempted to put his arm about her, intending to commit an indecent assault. Miss Dunn slapped him across the mouth with the back of her hand. West then shoved her back against the wall, and hit her across the nose and forehead with a piece of lead pipe. This accounted for the blood stains on the wall.

Brutally Thorough. He then pushed his victim into the kitchen and through the cellar door and she slid down stairs, lying face downwards a couple of steps from the bottom. West followed her down stairs and struck her with an axe on the head.

After committing the crime West left the house by the front door and met the Kelly girl at the gate. He warned her away and retraced his steps to the back yard, to Victoria Street, and by Beech Street to his boarding place at Connolly's, where he was washed up.

German-Raider Brought Down By The French

Hostile Aeroplane Over Amiens Was Worsted in a Duel With a French Machine

Paris, Jan. 11.—A German aeroplane flying over Amiens has been brought to the ground by a French machine. The French airmen went aloft the moment the German was seen approaching. He opened fire on the antagonist with the result that the German machine fell within the French lines. One of the German pilots was killed.

A German aeroplane dropped a bomb upon Malo les Bains, near Dunkirk, killing five civilians.

Hockeyists Busy

The hockeyists are now busy. The Vics and St. Bon's practised at the rink last night. The first match—Vics and Felldians, will take place Friday evening. This year will see mostly young players on the ice as the majority of the veteran players have gone to the war.

WEATHER REPORT Toronto (noon)—Moderate winds, fair to-day. Wednesday, Easterly gales, with snow or rain.