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Germans Find Canadians Accurate With Big Guns GERMAN SUBMARINE TORPEDOES TWO BRITISH SHIPS

CANUCK ARTILLERY DOING GREAT WORK

Marksmanship and Behavior
Under Fire Reaches
High Standard.

DRIVERS LIKE VETERANS

Coolly and Skillfully Handle
Their Horses in Hot
Actions.

[Special Cable to The Advertiser.]
London, March 17.—In a long account of the work of the Canadian artillery received at this office today from one serving with them, the correspondent writes: "We are now right in business. Our guns have been busy nearly a fortnight. You will be pleased to hear they are performing splendidly. Firing is continuous and heavy night and day. It did not take our gunners long to remove any misconception which the Hun may have possessed with regard to the efficiency of Canadian artillery. Everybody in fact is surprised at the excellence of the work; that is everybody except those who really know of what our gunners were capable. Not only is their marksmanship excellent, but the behavior of the men is splendid, too. They go about their work as calmly and methodically as any veterans. Fire from German guns does not disconcert them in the least."
Drivers Complimented.
"Drivers, too, were complimented upon the cool, purposeful way they ran the guns into position. It was the first time a great majority of them had ever been in action, but they controlled their unsustained over their horses was magnificent. There was no excitement, no chaos, just well-ordered manoeuvre, as though we were veterans. All criticism leveled at Canadians as to lack of discipline is receiving an answer now, for here, right in the thick of the fighting, there is no better disciplined unit in the whole British fighting force. Through a Canadian has no love for ceremonial and finds it difficult to digest (Continued on Page Nine.)

ENLISTED BECAUSE
HIS BOAT WAS SUNK
BY RAIDER "EMDEN"



Advertiser Illustration.
PTE. WILLIAM JAMES, C. Company, is more than anxious to strike a blow at the Kaiser. He lost everything last fall when the Emden crew deliberately sunk his steamer, the Van Dyke, near Montevideo. Pte. James has, although only 20 years old, been shipwrecked three times. His father, the captain of the White Star liner Laurentine.

DEAD PILED HIGH IN STREETS OF ST. ELOI

Bodies Served As Barricades For Living—Germans Gained
By Force of Numbers At First, But Bayonet
Charge Took Village.

[Canadian Press.]
London, March 17.—The Daily Mail's correspondent writes from Rotterdam: "The German wounded who have arrived at Bruges declare that desperate fighting continues southwest of Ypres. The fight for St. Eloi was bloody and determined. Every cottage was a fort, and every corner a death-trap. The dead were piled so high in the streets that they served as barricades for the living. The Germans, strongly reinforced by fresh troops from Bruges, advanced from Zillebeke and Holbeke, converging in great strength on St. Eloi. The British fought stubbornly against heavy odds, being, however, well supported by their artillery, which was placed on a small hill near Helmet. The Germans were mowed down in swarms, but the sheer weight of numbers prevailed. Triumph Short-Lived.
"The British fell back to the protection of the small canal. The Germans' triumph was short-lived, for British reinforcements were hurried up and flung themselves against the village, which was carried at the point of the bayonet. The slaughter was terrible. The Germans, undaunted, summoned more troops, who were killed in the battle raged around St. Eloi hill."

PRZEMYSL GIVEN ONLY A FEW DAYS

Russians Expect To Capture
Fortress Near Point of
Starvation.

[Canadian Press.]
London, March 17.—The Petrograd correspondent of Reuters' Telegram Company says that the capture of the Austrian fortress at Przemyśl is considered in the Russian capital as a matter of a few days only.
Austrian soldiers captured by the Russians during unsuccessful sorties say the garrison is existing on famine rations, and that the hospitals are crowded.

BELGIANS CAPTURE GERMAN POSITIONS

Take Farm and Trenches On
Pervyse-Schoorbakke
Road.

[Canadian Press.]
Paris, March 17.—"The enemy is again furiously bombarding Nieuport, this time with 16-inch howitzers," says an undated message from the Petit Parisien's war correspondent, who adds: "Thirty shells have fallen in the town, making enormous holes and demolishing several buildings, but no one was hurt. Belgian troops, probing by a slight recession of the waters in the district they occupy, carried two German advanced positions. The first was on the Klosterehoek farm near Stuvekenskerke, while the second was a line of trenches on the road from Pervyse to Schoorbakke. "Warships and monitors of the Allies vigorously bombarded Westende. The Germans replied with a few shots of their shells took effect. Torpedo-boat destroyers protected the bombarding ships, shelling a German submarine which attempted to approach. The first of their shore positions was directed by aeroplanes."

CITY WAR FUND SEEMS PROBABLE

Mayor Stevenson Preparing Scheme To Provide For Con-
tingencies in Connection With The Local
Overseas Units.

In accordance with the editorial suggestion of The Advertiser, it is altogether probable that the city council will undertake to provide a contingency fund to be used for military units gathered in this city. Mayor Stevenson pointed out today that the training of the volunteers in this city meant the expenditure of more than \$200,000 each month, which in a year would reach the enormous total of \$2,400,000. "We would quickly give \$200,000 or \$300,000 to an industry that would provide as many well-paid men, said the mayor. "You must remember that the men are boarded and generally provided for in the city," he added. "This means that there are large purchases of supplies. I am told that one grocery firm receives about \$20,000 a month from the Government."

36TH BATTALION STAFF ANNOUNCED

Lieut.-Col. E. C. Aston Makes
Public His List of
Officers.

[Canadian Press.]
Bramford, March 17.—Lieut.-Col. E. C. Aston, commanding the 36th Battalion, third contingent, announced his staff as follows this morning:
Officer commanding, Lieut.-Col. E. C. Aston; second in command, Major Cressy; adjutant, Major A. N. L. Ashton; quartermaster, Capt. A. A. Winter; messengers, paymaster, Capt. W. Miller; 36th Battalion; signaller, Lieut. Jack Genet; 35th Battalion; adjutant, Capt. Kemphorne; 35th Battalion; assistant, Lieut. Stewart; 35th Battalion; Hamilton; machine gun officer, Lieut. Montague; 13th Battalion; medical, Lieut. W. Taylor; A. M. C.; Toronto; sergeant-major, W. G. Oxtoby; 35th Battalion.
Concentration at Hamilton is expected next week.

SOLDIERS RUSH TO NIAGARA DISTRICT

But Movement Is Only Test,
Not Due To In-
vasion.

[Canadian Press.]
St. Catharines, March 17.—What is termed a tactical concentration is taking place in the Niagara district this afternoon. It is a test to see how quickly troops could be mobilized to defend the Niagara Peninsula against an attack of an enemy. All the soldiers have been rushed to a given point, and in fact the whole military organization put into action.
The movement of troops caused the usual stories of a German invasion by way of Buffalo, and the newspapers' headlines were kept buzzing answering inquiries by alarmed folks. One detail of today's manoeuvres consisted of all the automobiles in St. Catharines being sent on a prearranged plan to a given point to convey imaginary troops to the border.

VALI OF SMYRNA'S ERRAND WAS FUTILE

Dispatch Says Bombardment Was In-
terrupted While He Boarded
British Flagship.

[Canadian Press.]
London, March 17.—The Central News publishes a dispatch from its Athens correspondent, who says that Vali of Smyrna went on board the British flagship after the bombardment of that Turkish port, and held a conference with the British commander, during which the shelling was reached, and the Vali, on landing, gave out a proclamation, saying he would resist to the end. All subjects in Smyrna of countries hostile to Turkey have been interned, the correspondent says.

MANY VETERANS COMING

Banquet of 7th Northwest Force Will Be
Large One, It Is Expected.

Preparations for the reunion to be held in this city on April 7 by the 7th Regiment Northwest Rebellion Field Force Association are being completed. The reunion has been held every five years for many years. It is expected that this year, although many of the veterans of the rebellion who served in the ranks of the 7th have passed away, the attendance will be large. Letters are received daily from veterans far and near by the secretary of the association, Captain Frank Butler, promising to be on hand to meet old comrades.
Lieut.-Col. A. M. Smith is the honorary chairman. The banquet will be held in the Tecumseh House on the anniversary of the home-coming.

READING MATTER WORTH ITS WEIGHT IN GOLD

Canadians Need Tobacco, Pipes, Socks,
No Woolen Comforts.

[Special Cable to The Advertiser.]
London, March 17.—We have been asked to notify the societies working in this district that most of the extra woolen comforts will not be required much longer, as supplies in hand are likely to meet the demand. Socks, flannels, and other necessities, also colored handkerchiefs, tobacco, pipes, games and newspapers.
The War Contingent Association here is making over frequent consignments to all sections of the Canadian forces in the field, also to those sections still in England.
Commodore, which have been so popular at Salisbury, are to be continued at Shorecliffe.
A Canadian officer, writing from the front, apropos of the last batch of magazines sent out, says they are almost worth their weight in gold. Twenty-five sacks of Canadian newspapers were sent last week.

CARRANZA TO HELP

Will Co-operate in Aiding Americans
Leave Mexico City and Taking
In Supplies.

[Canadian Press.]
Washington, March 17.—Consul Silliman, at Vera Cruz, reported today that General Carranza had agreed to co-operate in providing transportation for Americans and other foreigners wishing to leave Mexico City, and to facilitate the transportation of Red Cross supplies to the Mexican capital.
Similar assurances of co-operation have been received from the authorities controlling Mexico City.
ALARM AT PROGRESO.
Washington, March 17.—Foreigners at Progreso, alarmed by disorders in the Mexican capital, are being urged to leave Mexico City and take refuge at Vera Cruz, has promised full protection for them.

FIRST PICTURE OF A WOUNDED LONDONER



Advertiser Illustration.
The above illustration, taken from a photograph made in a military hospital in Cardiff, Wales, is the first one received in this city showing a Londoner wounded in the great war. The hospital cot on the left is occupied by James Beadle, 725 Maitland street, this city, a British army reservist, who was one of the first in this city to respond to the call to the colors, and left immediately after war was declared. While fighting with his old regiment, the Essex, he was shot below the knee in both legs. A few weeks ago he was transferred with his wounded comrades-in-arms from the base hospitals of France to Cardiff, where he is now convalescing. The photograph was taken shortly after his arrival in the Welsh hospital on the occasion of one of the daily visits of the Women's Soldiers' Visiting Club of the city. It was received by his wife today, and is the first of its kind to come to this city.
Pte. Beadle is rapidly recovering from his wounds, and expects to be back on the firing line before long to have another go at the German invaders.
Aside from its interest in showing a wounded Londoner, the picture strikingly illustrates the interest taken in the old land in the wounded heroes of Britain. In Cardiff, as in every other hospital city, clubs have been organized to pay daily visits to the soldiers, and by little home comforts and cheerful conversation brighten the lives of those who have given their blood for "KING AND COUNTRY."

Calls For Big Attendance

Mayor H. A. Stevenson, who was instrumental in arranging the big reception to citizens at Cardiff's Heights on Friday afternoon, is anxious that as many residents as possible should put in an appearance at the grounds. Lieut.-Col. Wigle, commanding the 15th Battalion, has stated that he will make the afternoon interesting, and a program is being arranged.
Some tactical manoeuvres, which the 15th will execute, and will give citizens some idea of the movements of troops in actual warfare. It is likely that a sham battle on a small scale will be staged on the heights.
Lieut.-Col. Wigle also announced today that arrangements had been completed for the bringing of the Stratford 18th Battalion to Cardiff to parade with the 15th Battalion at this public reception.

CALLS BECK'S ACTION "PETTY POLITICAL TRICK"

Ald. George H. Haney So Characterizes His Opposition To
Stockyards—Wanted Them On L. and P. S. and
Fought Against Bill For That Reason.

Characterizing Sir Adam Beck's opposition to the stockyards scheme as a "mean political trick," Ald. George H. Haney, chairman of the special stockyards committee of the council, today said that he would make the afternoon interesting, and a program is being arranged.
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GENEROUS RESPONSE TO 18TH'S APPEAL

Stratford Latest City To Give
\$750 For Travelling
Soup Kitchens.

Lieut.-Col. Wigle today received \$750 more from Stratford towards the soup kitchens required for the 15th Battalion. Similar amounts were received from Chatham and Leamington, and \$500 from the Mayor T. L. Church, of Toronto. The message read:
"Top of the morning to you and your splendid battalion, wishing you all every success, safety and every blessing for the balance of the year. Many kind greetings and good wishes from St. Patrick's Day. May all joy be yours. I send greetings from all your Toronto friends to yourself, officers, non-commissioned officers and men of your battalion."
"MAYOR T. L. CHURCH, Toronto."

TOP OF THE MORNING

15th Battalion Remembered by Toronto's
Chief Magistrate.
St. Patrick's Day greetings were received today by Lieut.-Col. E. S. Wigle, of the 15th Battalion, in the form of a telegram from Mayor T. L. Church, of Toronto. The message read:
"Top of the morning to you and your splendid battalion, wishing you all every success, safety and every blessing for the balance of the year. Many kind greetings and good wishes from St. Patrick's Day. May all joy be yours. I send greetings from all your Toronto friends to yourself, officers, non-commissioned officers and men of your battalion."
"MAYOR T. L. CHURCH, Toronto."

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 54; lowest, 22.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 26; lowest, 16.
TOMORROW—FAIR, MILD.
Toronto, March 17—3 a.m.
Forecasts.
Today—Moderate northwest winds; fine.
Thursday—Fair, with a little higher temperature.
Temperatures.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:
Stations. High. Low. Weather.
Victoria. 46. 32. Cloudy.
Calgary. 48. 32. Clear.
Winnipeg. 40. 28. Cloudy.
Port Arthur. 26. 14. Cloudy.
Party Sound. 30. 10. Clear.
Toronto. 30. 10. Cloudy.
Ottawa. 30. 14. Cloudy.
Montreal. 28. 12. Cloudy.
Quebec. 28. 12. Cloudy.
Father Point. 24. 10. Snow.

PRISONER COLLAPSED

Mrs. Angle, on Trial for Manslaughter,
Soon Recovered.

[Canadian Press.]
Bridgeport, Conn., March 17.—Mrs. Helen M. Angle, on trial for manslaughter, collapsed today during a recess of the court, her strength giving way under the ordeal of the cross-examination. She is charged with having caused the death of Waldo R. Bailou, in Stamford last June.
Mrs. Angle revived shortly, and was on the stand at noon recess. It was expected that her cross-examination would be completed during the afternoon.

EXPECTS RECOVERY

Medical Officer of 33rd Reports Men-
ingitis Victim as Improving.

Major A. V. Becker, medical officer of the 33rd Battalion, stated to The Advertiser this afternoon that Pte. Houghton, who is ill in Victoria Hospital with spinal meningitis, is steadily improving, and that he has every hope now that he will recover. The eighteen men who had quarters adjoining Pte. Houghton, are still in quarantine, and will be kept isolated for the rest of the week.

CAPTAIN KILLED BY FALLING HATCH BEAM

[Canadian Press.]
Halifax, N. S., March 17.—Capt. J. W. Hatherly, of the Allan liner Monaghan, was killed this morning when a hatch beam struck him. Capt. Hatherly was 48 years of age, and leaves a wife and two children in Glasgow.

TWO BRITISH STEAMERS HIT

Atlanta and Fingal Torpedoed,
Latter Sinking, With Six
Lives Lost.

MINE-SWEEPER BLOWN UP

Athens Dispatch Says British
Boat Was Destroyed In
Dardanelles.

[Canadian Press.]
London, March 17.—Official announcement was made today that the British steamers Atlanta and Fingal had been torpedoed.
The text of the communication follows:
"The British steamer Atlanta, 519 tons, owned by J. and F. Hutchinson, of Glasgow, was torpedoed by a German submarine off Inishurk, on the west coast of County Galway, Ireland, about noon of March 16. The crew was taken on Inishurk island, and the vessel is now in the harbor."
"The British steamer Fingal, of 1,582 gross tons (661 net tons), owned by the London and Edinburgh Shipping Company, of Leith, Scotland, was torpedoed and sank at 10 a.m. March 16, off the Northumberland coast. Twenty-one members of her crew were landed at North Shields, but six lives are reported to have been lost, including the chief mate and the stewardess."

BOAT WAS FOULLED.
North Shields, Eng., March 17.—The survivors of the Fingal were landed here today. They declare that the casualties on board were due to the fact that the vessel went down before the starboard boat could be freed. The Fingal, as she sank, dragged this boat under her, leaving the occupants, including the captain, struggling in the water. The port boat picked up the captain and several others, but six men lost their lives.
The Fingal was proceeding in a northerly direction with fine weather, when she was struck by a German torpedo. She at once began to settle, and went down quickly.

DESCRIBES FEAR SHELLS INSPIRE

First Experience Leaves Men
Afraid, Says Londoner's
Brother in Letter.

MOCK HEROICS USELESS

Only Service in Trenches That
Makes Soldiers Indifferent
To Artillery Fire.

Honor and glory, bravery unexcelled, a do-or-die spirit, heroics and a few things of like ilk are popularly supposed to be synonymous with a soldier's life in the trenches of Flanders and France, but James Adams, a brother of George Adams, 34 Wyndham street, this city, makes no apologies for writing his was home when he saw a German shell come screaming over his head and burst near him. James Adams enlisted in the A. M. C. of the first contingent at Kingston, and describes his experiences in the trenches in the following letter to his brother here. The letter was written under the date of February 25.
"I have been away for a week up to the firing line, so excuse me for not writing before this. We are at present in a schoolhouse which we are using as a hospital."
A Lucky Escape.
"The other day, as I was walking through a village, a shell burst near me, but nothing came my way. I killed two horses and wounded a man so I was lucky to escape. The sound of these guns gives me a sore head, but I get good food here, that is much better than we expected."
A Warm Welcome.
"Some of the Canadians went into the trenches and saw how the Germans got to know it. They gave them a royal salute and a rifle fire as welcome."
As I saw this shell in the distance, coming over, I wished that I was back in Kingston, but when we go to the firing line for good, I will be much more used to them than the other fellows, so I am prepared to take what comes."
Mock Heroics No Go.
"I can tell you it's no good for a fellow to go into the firing line and see and hear the shells and then come and say he was not afraid. You are naturally inclined to feel a little afraid at first, but you get used to them and so in time you don't mind them at all."
"I was only ten yards from the British guns, and to hear them go off is no go, but to look at the British gunners you would think they were merely playing with the Germans. I can tell you the whole thing is terrible."
"I will let you know all the news when I write again."
"Your brother,"
"JAMES ADAMS."

GAVE UP PAPERS TO NEW YORK EDITORS

Steamship Company Manager
Had Stiegler's Passport
and Letters.

[Canadian Press.]
New York, March 17.—Frederick G. Behle took the stand today as a Government witness in the trial of Richard Madden and Gustav Cook, charged with aiding Richard Stiegler to procure a false American passport. Behle corroborated Stiegler's testimony that Stiegler had met Cook in Behle's room and that he (Behle) had stepped out of the room while the other two were discussing the matter of getting the papers necessary to procure Stiegler a passport. Behle also testified that he heard Cook and Stiegler talking about getting the passport in a Hoboken cafe.
Edouard D. Harrington, manager of a steamship company, testified that Stiegler had turned over to him, for safe keeping, the false passport, the birth certificate alleged to have been procured by Madden for Stiegler, three letters introducing Stiegler to persons abroad and two letters and telegrams addressed to Stiegler. Harrington said he turned the papers over to the editor of a New York evening paper and subsequently to an editor of a morning paper.
He denied that he had demanded money for the use of the papers.
The Government rested its case, and George E. Carley, for the defence, addressed the jury. He said that he would prove that Stiegler never saw Madden in his life, that Madden, Cook and Stiegler were never together, that Madden had procured the birth certificate in order to get a passport for himself, and that the certificate had been stolen from him.

TORONTO SOLDIERS INVALIDED HOME

[Canadian Press.]
Montreal, March 17.—Among the Canadian soldiers who have been invalided home from Salisbury Plain, and who arrived on Monday at Halifax on the Corsican, passing through Montreal today, were Corp. S. Johnstone and Pres. S. Rayner, Owen Finn and Edward Young, of Toronto regiments.