

ROUGH RIDERS PISTOLS AWED THE PLYMOUTH BOYS

"Are We Downhearted?" Shouted the Citizens of the Town When the Canadian Contingent Arrived—"No!" Came the Thundering Reply

LONDON, Oct. 16.—Long and picturesque accounts of the welcome of the Canadian contingent appear in the London papers. Although the welcome was local in form, comments of London and leading provincial journals show it to be absolutely national in spirit. The actual appearance of the first two Canadian troopships was the first news Plymouthians had that the Canadians would land there. Plymouth messages show how quickly the tale spread. Before the first boat dropped anchor the famous promenade of the Hoe and every vantage point near the harbor was crowded with people grandly cheering.

drill, broke ranks and waved their caps on their rifles. Elsewhere gunners of the Royal Garrison Artillery mounted redoubts and flung deep-throated welcomes to the new comrades-in-arms. Coasting vessels in the harbor blew sirens and strong lunged enthusiasts yelled through megaphones: "Are we downhearted?"

The answer rolled back in thousandfold shouts from each Canadian transport. The Canadians lined the decks and even the rigging, cheering. Many bands on the troopships were playing "The Maple Leaf" and other patriotic airs, while the transport sirens bellowed.

News Spread Quickly
Meanwhile news of the landing of the first overseas contingent was spreading through the three towns of Plymouth, Devonport and Stoke, like a prairie fire. Crowds continued to flock to the waterside to gaze in wonder and admiration at the transports steadily steaming past to their moorings. They waved hats and flags and cheered with increasing enthusiasm. A seaman from an Admiralty cut-



ter, on landing, related how the cutter came up with the Canadians and passed Fastnet, in very rough weather. They were surprised to find no sounds came from the ships, but singing and dancing, and so the Canadians came up to Plymouth with sounds of singing and cheering.

"Eyed" the Revolvers
A few British-Canadians who are Plymouth men, were given shore leave for a few hours, and excited greatest interest as they passed through the town with the plumed hats of the Strathcoons, the wide-awake hats and knotted kerchiefs of the rough-riders from the prairies, and the killed Highlanders, all distinguished by the Canada badge on the shoulder-strap.

Nothing delighted the Plymouth boys more than the awesome sight of two revolvers tucked at the waist of some Canadians, with belts bulging with bullets. But the wonder that has chiefly taken hold of Plymouth about the Canadians is the spirit of camaraderie between officers and men as they leave the dock gates arm in arm.

General Staff officers, non-commissioned officers and men.

All treat one another as equals when off duty. It is a curious example of the spirit of a young country, and jostles traditions of the older land.

A Canadian officer, when questioned on the subject, saw nothing singular about it. "It is strictest discipline when on duty, and after that we are all as good as one another," he said.

The Times correspondent says:—"They are men of good height, fine physique, bronzed, hardy, modest in demeanor and come from all parts of the Dominion.

All Are Pleased
"The French-Canadians seemed equally as pleased as the British Columbia farmer to set foot in the Mother Country. The contingent is overwhelmingly composed of men of British descent, but no distinctions of race or class are made. It is striking to see the officers and non-commissioned officers walking in pairs in the town when off duty. The men struck one as a band of brothers, free, confident and unassuming."

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SAYS IT IS ONE CONTINUAL FIGHT

Soldiers Are Under Fire Night and Day

Bombardier T. Saunders, of the R.H.A., in a letter to his father, who resides at Park-road, Ilford, says: "We are under fire night and day. No doubt we are getting the best of it, but we are shelled out and are shelling continuously. Chaps who were in South Africa say that this is nothing but slaughter compared with that. It is one continual fight. We have lost quite a lot of horses, but have been very fortunate with men.

Captured Three Thousand
We captured 3,000 Germans this week. They are like bees. They roll up in thousands, and their dead lie about in hundreds. As we advance our columns bury their dead, and our R.A.M.C. attend to their wounded. They are dirty tykes. They loot everything, burn all villages they pass through, and kill innocent French peasants like dogs.

FORGING AHEAD!
That is the position of **The Mail and Advocate**, as each issue sees a larger sale. What about that **WANT ADVT!**

ARE CONFIDENT OF VENGEANCE

Text of Proclamation Issued by Belgian Government When it Left For France

Washington, Oct. 20.—The proclamation posted in Ostend and announcing the withdrawal of the Belgian Government to French soil has been received by cable at the Belgian Legation. The text follows:

"Citizens.—For about two and a half months the Belgian soldiers have been defending, foot by foot, at the price of heroic efforts, the fate of their country. The enemy certainly expected to annihilate our army in Antwerp; but a retreat in which the order and dignity have been irreproachable has successfully foiled this hope, and has assured us the conversation of military forces which will continue to fight without respite for this most just and noble cause. At this moment these forces are operating in the direction of our southern frontier, where they are supported by the Allies. Thanks to their valorous co-operation the victory of justice is certain. Notwithstanding the sacrifices already endured by the Belgian nation, with a courage equalled only by its magnitude, a new trial is added by the present circumstances. "In order not to serve the plans of the invaders, it is important that the Belgian Government should temporarily establish its seat in a place from which it may, in contact with our army on one side and with France and England on the other, continue to exercise and to assure the continuance of the national sovereignty. For this reason, the Government is leaving Ostend today with a grateful remembrance of the welcome which the city has given it. Will be Avenged. "The Government will be temporarily established at Havre, where the

noble friendship of the Government of the French Republic has offered our Government with the fullest of its sovereign rights, the entire exercise of its authority and also of its duties "Citizens.—This momentary ordeal which our patriotism must accept will have, we are sure, its prompt revenge. The Belgian administration will continue to operate in full measure so far as the local circumstances permit. The King and the Government depend upon your good judgment, your patriotism. On your part, you may count upon our entire self-devotion, upon the gallantry of our army and upon the support of the Allies to hasten the hour of mutual deliverance.

"Our beloved country, so odiously betrayed and so odiously treated by one of the powers who had solemnly promised to guarantee her neutrality, has excited a growing admiration in the whole world. Thanks to the union, the courage and the sagacity of all her children, she will remain worthy of this admiration, which sustains her today. Tomorrow she will emerge from her trials greater and more beautiful, having suffered for justice and for the honor of civilization.

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