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The organization of classes in first aid proceeds vigorously in answer to the demand for this instruction in times like these. New courses will be begun on January 8 and 9, under Captain McCarthy and Captain Burns, respectively. No further applications can be received for either, the lists being complete.

Major Corbett is kindly giving instruction in first aid to the Boys' Club in connection with St. David's church, "Knights of King Arthur."

Two large classes, at the Y. M. C. A. and the Girls' Club, under the careful tuition of Quarter-Master Sergeant Sibson, will soon be examined.

In Fredericton, two notably successful classes in house nursing have been completed in which the large number of forty-six young ladies won certificates, many making very high marks.

In Newcastle, Sackville and Sussex both courses of instruction have been given with most satisfactory results.

A house nursing class will be given in St. John at once, at a date which will soon be decided upon.



COMRADES MEET AS SCOTIA DOCKS

William Coholan Greets Old Friend, Now an Officer

LATTER THOUGHT HIM DEAD

Baby Born on Voyage of Steamship To This Port — News of Maritime Province and Other Soldiers Who Have Returned

"Gee, but we're glad to be home," was an expression heard on every side as the scarred heroes disembarked from the ocean liner Scotia and returned to their homes in St. John, after a long and arduous voyage. The party comprised 250 officers and men, and despite the fact that the vast majority were quite badly injured, they were jovial and laughed about their experiences on the battle fields of France and Belgium.

The Scotia arrived in port last evening, and in addition to the soldiers brought thirty-four cabin and eighty-two steerage passengers. Soon after leaving Liverpool the stork put in an appearance on the ship and a little later a boy was born to one of the steerage passengers. Both the little chap and his mother were well after their voyage.

The train carrying the soldiers left West St. John for Quebec at 9:30 a. m. Prior to leaving they were made recipients of candy, fruit and cigarettes by the Citizens Reception Committee.

Comrades Meet at Wharf.

Captain W. H. D. Sharpe of Toronto, who left with the first Canadian contingent, attached to the 3rd Battalion, returns to Canada with the rank of Captain, having been promoted on the battle fields of France from a non-com. for gallantry in leading his men against the Hun. When he landed this morning a pleasant surprise awaited him, for a comrade, whom he long since learned had died of wounds, was on the wharf to greet him. The young returned soldier was William Coholan of Somerset street, who is now a preventive officer in the Customs House.

Speaking of his former officer, William Coholan said he was one of the bravest men who ever led a platoon. He said that in the battle of Festubert he accomplished wonders while attacking a German trench and succeeded in driving out the Hun. Later during the battle of Ypres he again demonstrated his ability as a leader and he was recommended for a commission. Mr. Coholan said that he seemed to be a natural leader and his men would follow him anywhere.

Captain Sharpe was wounded in the arm at Festubert and in the groin at Ypres. As the latter injury was quite serious, he was ordered back to Canada. When questioned about his advancement in the ranks he was very reticent and said that he must have received his captaincy for work.

A Veteran.

Among the privates returning home after twenty months service was Gunner Frederick Sampson of Montreal. He was in truth a war-scarred hero. He was one of the first Canadians to face the Hun, and while in action fell a victim to the deadly German gas. Although hours of combat for some weeks, he was able to return to action and fought in the big battles at Ypres and Messines. He was again gassed and was sent back to England. Later he returned and joined his battery, but only to meet with another injury in the form of a fractured ankle as a result of being run over by a motor truck. As he is unable to put any weight on the injured member he was invalided home.

Private Sampson is a veteran of the South African war, in which he was a member of the 10th Imperial Regiment. During an engagement with the Boers he was wounded in the left leg.

He made light of his experiences and said he had always been interested in soldiering and when the call came for Canadian volunteers he did not lose a moment in signing on.

Among the other soldiers returning on the Scotia were: Private Harris of Cambridge, Ontario, who left Canada attached to the 21st Battery. He was struck in the left leg with a piece of shell, and as a result sustained a compound fracture.

Private Woodgate of St. Catharines, Ont., who was attached to the 36th Battalion, was also struck in the left leg with a piece of a high explosive shell, and as his leg is stiff he was invalided home.

Private Watson of Renfrew, Ont., was with the 14th Battalion. He was shot through the abdomen during the battle of Ypres.

Private H. G. Dickens of Montreal was struck in the knee with a piece of shrapnel and as a result will be crippled for life. He was wounded during the battle of Festubert.

Private Richard Marshall of Montreal, who was attached to the 3rd Battalion, was also struck in the knee during the battle of Ypres.

Maritime Province Men

A party of 251 returned soldiers who arrived last night on the Allan steamer Scotia, included twenty maritime province men and of the twenty, four were members of the 26th battalion. The maritime province men included Corporal Shannon of Woodstock; Fred Slater of Moncton; Private Trenholm of Moncton and R. Howlett of St. John, all four are members of the 26th battalion; J. B. McIsaac of Springhill Mines, a member of the 166th battalion, and E. J. Doody of the 29th battalion. Lieutenant Clute, son of Dr. A. C. Shute of Acadia College, Wolfville, N.S., was in the party. He is a well known newspaper man and was special correspondent for the London Daily Express during the Balkan campaign. He began his newspaper career on the Halifax Herald and later went to the New York Times.

Corporal Leslie McBeth, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. McBeth of this city, arrived home on leave. Corporal Thomas Higgins of Charlottetown was also on the ship. He is the son of W. T. Higgins, auditor of the P.E.I. Railway at Charlottetown.

Major F. B. Eaton of Kings county, N.S., who was commander of the 1st Divisional Supply Column, returned on leave of absence.

Lieutenant Badgley of Ottawa, who was decorated with the military cross was in the party. He was telegraph ed-

LOCAL NEWS

ANNUAL BANQUET

The Rockland Athletic Association held their annual banquet last evening at the Manor House. John Kinsella was chairman and toastmaster. A programme of speeches and music was carried out. Richard Sullivan and William Donnelly of McGill, and Edgar Campbell of this city were guests. A delightful evening was spent.

FROM PTE. H. DEVENNE

Private Harry Devenne, a member of one of the local infantry units now in England, in a letter to his mother, Mrs. Alex. Devenne, of 27 Barker street, writes that his brother, Walter, who has been in France for some time, was in England on a ten day leave and he looked fine and was just as happy as a lark. He adds that he can buy socks in England just as cheap as in Canada. He expects to get overseas at an early date.

MRS. ANN McLEAN

Mrs. Ann McLean, widow of George E. McLean, died at her home, Cumberland Bay, Queens county, on January 3, at the age of eighty-six years. Two sons, W. H. and James, and a daughter, Miss Eliza McLean, were present at the funeral. She was a member of the Cumberland Bay and a half-sister, Richard McLean, and a half-sister, Miss Mildred McLean. Mrs. McLean had a wide circle of friends whose sympathy goes out to the bereaved relatives. The funeral will take place at Cumberland Bay on Saturday afternoon.

GERMANY BEATEN TO HER KNEES BEFORE ANOTHER YEAR

Of the 251 returned men who arrived in the city last night, twenty-nine were maritime province men, several of whom have been returned to Canada owing to illness and being physically unfit to proceed to France. Those who were unable to cross the channel are very much disappointed.

One of those who crossed to France and went through a few of the big battles was Private H. Lorieux of Amherst, a member of the 22nd Battalion. At St. Etienne he was wounded in the chest and hand by shrapnel. Several pieces are still in his chest. He expects to enter hospital to undergo an operation.

In speaking of the opinion which prevails among the French soldiers—as he was attached to French regiments for some time—he said that they were all of the one opinion, that Germany would be beaten to her knees before another year. He said that the German prisoners captured during the last seven months have all appeared pleased to be taken. Their general appearance is not as snappy as it was a year ago. The battle of the Somme, he said, was the beginning of the end.

Sergeant W. Williams, of the 40th Battalion, a native of Nova Scotia, and also a South African veteran, in comparing this war with the Boer war, said the little scrap in Africa was only played in comparison. He is suffering from lung trouble but expects either to be sent to some quiet place in training in Canada as instructor or else take a commission and return to his own battalion.

GERMANS LOSE LARGE PERCENTAGE OF SHIPS

Amsterdam, Jan 4.—Captain Schroeder, a German merchant captain, in a lecture before the Hamburg Institute of Science on how navigation stands since the outbreak of the war, said that 152 German ships, representing 462,000 tons, had been destroyed by mines and torpedoes, while 267 ships, of cargo capacity of 807,000 tons, had been captured by the enemy and turned to his own use, and 621 merchant ships, of 2,841,000 tons, were lying interned in neutral harbors. In German harbors are 460 steamships of 2,400,000 tons. This means that 75 per cent of German tonnage is irrevocably lost, 18 1/2 per cent in the hands of the enemy, 89 1/2 per cent in neutral harbors, and 40 per cent in Germany.

REV. THOMAS MARSHALL ACCEPTS FAIRVILLE CALL

Word has just been received from Rev. Thomas Marshall of Fredericton accepting the pastorate of Fairville Methodist church from July, 1917.

Rev. Mr. Marshall stands high in provincial to spare circles as well as in the council of his denomination and his coming to Fairville is looked on as a distinct acquisition to the Methodist church here. He is well known in St. John, having ministered at Carmarthen street and Queen Square churches in years gone by.

This will be the second time for Mr. Marshall to be stationed at Fairville.

WM. KIRK DEAD

One of the last survivors of old No. 4 Fire Company passed away this morning in the person of William Kirk, 292 German street. He was eighty-two years of age and a native of St. John. A steamship by trade, he worked at that trade all his life, and will be remembered as having kept a shoe shop at Reed's Point for quite a number of years. For the last two years he has been in ill-health. He is survived by his wife, four daughters and two sons. The daughters are Mrs. William Ritchie, Mrs. Fred Quinlan, Mrs. R. J. Fitzgerald and Miss Alice, all of St. John. The sons are John of this city and William of Buffalo. Most of Mr. Kirk's boyhood companions passed away before him. He was a kindly man and a good citizen, and the bereaved relatives have the sympathy of many friends.

WON THE D. S. O.

Decorated with the Distinguished Service Order while on the high seas, Lieut. Colonel G. S. Cantlie, one of the most distinguished officers in Montreal, has just been given to the service of the empire arrived on the Scotia. He was officer commanding the 42nd Battalion on the western front and made a name for himself. He is home on leave and was accompanied by his daughter, Miss B. Cantlie. Prior to entering military life Colonel Cantlie was an official of the C.P.A. in Montreal.

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