

BRITAIN'S KING AND QUEEN VISITED SALISBURY CAMPS

And a Newfoundland Volunteer Writes His Impressions of Their Gracious Majesties

LONDON FAVORITE HOLIDAYING PLACE

Great Religious Rally on the Plains With 6000 Volunteers Present and Music by Nine Bands

Harold Lidstone writes from the Plain under date of Nov. 4th to his father and mother as follows:

Got your letter alright, very glad to know you are well. We are having a good time here.

Sunday we had a Church parade in the open air. There were 6,000 on parade (all Methodists); and nine bands. They played some old time hymns; they were good.

Seats Big Crowd.

Last night I was down to the Y.M.C.A. Tent; they have a tent that can seat 1200 people. They had a concert then they turned it into a prayer meeting. It put me in mind of the Temperance Hall.

The leader was the Captain of the 11th Battalion; he is real good. They sang "When the Roll is Called up Yonder," and you can imagine how about 500 hard boys sang it. I never heard it so good before.

King's Visit.

I was speaking to the captain. He was telling me that on Sunday night there were five converted in the Prayer meeting. This morning we were inspected by H. M. the King. You can see the grain in his whiskers, he is worried over the war.

The Queen was dressed very plain, all in black. There were nine thousand where we were and seven thousand. We are off this afternoon.

Quite Comfortable.

We are quite comfortable here; about two and a half miles away from a house. When we are off, I would rather stay here than go down to the village.

They opened an evil canteen here, but it is going to be closed again because some of the men gave trouble. Tell father not to worry; I never seen the inside of it, and if it was there forever, it would not trouble me.

Going to London.

I am going down to London for three days, on leave; I was invited by a man, who offered his motor car for our use. While he was here I was his 'orderly'; so he asked me down for a few days. I could not get off at the time, but I will see it Sunday for the first time. We have to walk seven miles for the nearest train, but it is only a two hour run down to London.

It is not very convenient to write on the town of your cap, so I think I will finish for this time.

Remember me to all. I would like to be able to write to them all, but you know it is misery to write like this. Nevertheless, I don't forget them. Don't forget to write a good, long letter. I got the silk handkerchief you sent O. K. So long.

HAROLD.

From Stanley Newman.

Dear Father,—It is not long since I wrote last, but I never get tired of writing; I will write every week if I am not too busy because I have my hands full every day; I am in charge of No. 1 Section, No. 4, Platoon, A. Co.

Our rifles have only just arrived; they are the Ross Rifle with bayonet; they are splendid rifles but are much heavier than those we have been used to, but we will get used to them before long and will make the best use of them at the front to which every man of the Newfoundland Regiment will go with a stout heart, feeling that he has not left the good old Newfoundland coast for nothing, but for what the name of England stands for—justice.

Met Some Friends.

I have met Gus Snow and George Cowan over here, two Newfoundland boys who are among the Canadian Regiments; we have also met a number of Newfoundlanders whom I don't know, some of them are St. John's boys and some outport boys; all are in good health.

Since I wrote last I have had my long wished for trip to London, and spent the time of my life. We were given a few holidays and I chose London to spend mine in. I drove to Devizes a city about seven miles away from camp and then took a train to London.

Some Famous Buildings.

While there I saw and visited the principal buildings, etc., such as the famous St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey and Parliament, the Roman Catholic Cathedral which they say has been building this six hundred

Schooner 'Gertie' Becomes a Wreck; Crew All Saved

Deputy Minister of Customs LeMesurier had the following from Catalina to-day:

"Schr. Gertie, John T. Hiscock, went ashore on Burnt Point to-day, caused by accident to the wheel chain. Total wreck; crew safe."

ALLIES FISHED BIG GERMAN GUNS OUT OF WATER

Ponderous Pieces of Artillery Were Overwhelmed When the Country Was Inundated

Paris, Nov. 20.—A French official communication issued this afternoon says: The nineteenth day of November was marked by an almost total absence of infantry attacks on the part of the enemy and at the same time their artillery fire was much less violent than on the afternoon of November 18th.

To the North the weather has been very bad and snow storms have fallen.

All the region of the Yser Canal to the East of Dixmude has been invaded by the waters.

In front of Ramcapello we have withdrawn from the water two 16.5 centimetre mortars abandoned by the Germans.

There has been a very fairly intense artillery fire to the South of Ypres.

On the centre there have been no important actions to report.

In the Argonne three vigorous attacks on the part of the enemy's infantry have been repulsed.

On our right wing the Germans have occupied or destroyed a section of Chauvencourt.

Further to the East we have made some progress.

Chili Now After German Steamers

Lima, Peru, Nov. 21.—The German steamer Luxer, of the Kosmos Line, with three thousand tons of coal on board has suddenly left Coronel, Chili, without having received clearance papers.

The German steamer Memphis also has secretly left Sandy Point and the Chilean authorities have ordered the capture of the Luxer.

Tomorrow is being observed by the Church as Thanksgiving Day. Special Prayers will be offered.

years and is not finished yet, also Buckingham Palace and the Queen Victoria Monument which stands in front of it, the War Office, the Admiralty Office, Home Office and Government Offices, the Premier's Residence, Lloyd George's Residence, the largest Hotels and Theatres and most up-to-date in the world, London Bridge, the Tower of London, Railway Stations and numerous other places which I cannot mention now; I also saw our Irish leader Sir Edward Carson, wounded soldiers who are back from the front, some of the Belgian refugees.

Mr. Bell's Visit.

The Rev. Mr. Bell came into camp a few days after we arrived and was glad to see so many of his old Newfoundland friends.

I went out to Twickenham one afternoon which is a suburb about five miles from London city, to visit Rev. Mr. Cogan who is now stationed at All Saints Church there, but he had been called to Summerset, his father having died there; however Mrs. Cogan was at home and was glad to see us (Eric Crate and myself).

Ha-ha Good Time.

Altogether I spent a wonderful time there; it is certainly a wonderful city. I am sending you some photos which I had taken in London in our new uniforms, except my puttees which I left behind me when I went up to London.

I would like for you to send me some of the Newfoundland papers every week. I will keep sending you the English papers the same way.

I don't think I have any more to say now, only don't mind the writing, I am writing this letter on my pillow as every place is taken up by the men writing.

Give my best love to mother and all the family.

—STANLEY.

Yser River Was Choked With Dead

Germans Beaten Back With Enormous Loss—Fierce Hand-to-hand Encounters In West Belgium

Paris, Nov. 18.—In trenches filled with water, swept by rain and snow driven before a gale from the sea, the allied and German armies continue their struggle for possession of the line leading to the coast cities of Dunkirk and Calais.

Heavy artillery fire has marked the fighting for the past twenty-four hours. It was stated at the War Office to-day that the weather conditions prevented successful work by the infantry. The Germans are now struggling to gain a foothold on the left bank of the Yser.

Pleased the People.

The official statement announcing that the Germans have been driven to the right bank of the canal along the line resulted in the greatest satisfaction here. Then enemy paid a terrible toll for the ground they held on the left bank. It was by pouring men in mass formation through the fire of the allied guns which moved down hundreds that a foothold was gained.

Terrific Battle.

The battle in the wooded section south of Bixschote and about Ypres was terrific. A wood south of Bixschote was taken by the allies but the losses in the attack were extremely heavy. The woods north of Ypres cleared by the British, are full of German dead. The fighting there was with bayoneting hand-to-hand encounters, the Germans holding their position with the greatest bravery and determination until practically all were killed or wounded.

Choked with Dead.

The condition of the Yser is a source of constant menace to both armies, owing to the danger of an epidemic of disease. The fighting which resulted in the driving of the Germans from the left bank has again filled the canal with bodies of men and horses. Germans who were captured during the fighting when the enemy succeeded in crossing to the position from which they have now been driven declared they literally crossed upon bridges of their own men and horses killed in the action.

Still In Dark About The Shots Fired At Ships

Washington, Nov. 21.—Secretary Daniels received to-day messages from Captain Decker of the cruiser Tennessee and Captain Omar of the cruiser North Carolina acknowledging receipt of his orders that no action must be taken by either ship in Turkish waters without specific instructions from Washington.

Neither commanders supplied additional information concerning the shots that were fired at the Tennessee's launch at Smyrna several days ago and the State Department also is still without advice on the matter.

More Canadians Are At The Front

London, Nov. 21.—According to private cables received in Montreal from a member of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, that regiment and Lord Strathcona's Horse are now at the front.



A fire in your home is a terrible disaster that will never be forgotten. If the lives of your family are not menaced, your property and belongings are either destroyed by the flames or damaged by smoke and water.

FIRE INSURANCE

In our safe companies costs but little and any loss can be quickly met by our prompt payments.

PERCIE JOHNSON, Insurance Agent.

SEVEN RUSSIAN ARMIES ARE IN EASTERN FIELD

2,400,000 Men in the Big Attaching Forces Launched By the Czar

EAST PRUSSIA AND SILESIA INVADED

Petrograd Confident Withdrawal of Russian Centre Strategical Move

London, Nov. 17.—The situation in the eastern theatre of war is summarized by military critics as more favorable to Russia than at any time since the outbreak of hostilities, three and a half months ago. Germany and Austria have failed twice in powerful offensive movements and are now entirely concerned with the problem of blocking the Russians from German territory.

In this they have not been wholly successful, since Russian troops are further within East Prussia than ever before and have even broken through the Warthe line in west Poland and gained a foothold at various points in Posen and Silesia. This appears to be due not so much to the weakness of the German resistance as the constantly growing power of the Russian attack and to the superior generalship of the Russian commander-in-chief. Russia has been able not merely to repair losses, but to add at least 200,000 trained troops to her first line armies every month.

Seven Russian armies, estimated as numbering 2,400,000 men, are now attempting to close in on Germany. On the Russian right wing two armies are advancing toward the East Prussian defence line of Dantzig-Thorn, with the obvious purpose of holding the River Vistula from the Baltic to Thorn and making any turning movement by the Germans in the north impossible when the central armies, now advancing in west Poland against Breslau, are ready to strike with full force.

Thirty-five Miles in Germany.

The first army holds Stalluponen and the railway line to umbinnen and Insterburg and is believed to have occupied probably twenty-five or thirty miles of German territory. The second army, co-operating with great energy, is advancing in an entirely new line, toward the north-west, and has gained a foothold at Soldau, Johannisburg and the region south of Allenstein. There are reports that the Germans are attempting an offensive movement from Thorn, where they have concentrated new troops.

In Poland three Russian armies are attacking the frontier of Polesia and Silesia, concerned for the moment with driving every German detachment from Polish soil. One, apparently operating south and west of Plock, has found stubborn resistance and does not appear to have penetrated into German territory. A fourth Russian army has broken through the German defence at the Warthe and has pushed an advance guard into Posen, holding a position at Pleschen. It was the advance guard of these armies that was driven back by General von Hindenberg, and late advices tell us that the great forces are now engaged in a battle-royal in West Poland.

Nearing Cracow.

A fifth, moving south-westward, is at the gates of Cracow and, according to official announcements in Petrograd, is attacking the outer defences of the city. There are unofficial reports that this army's right wing has occupied Czestochova.

Two Russian armies are operating in Galicia. One is nearing Cracow, having captured Tarnow, sixty-five miles to the east, and having reached the River Dunajec. It is reported that cavalry has crossed the Dunajec and is raiding considerably west of that city. This army is co-operating with the fifth Russian army, advancing on Cracow from the north-east. The two forces are rapidly converging, with their advance guards within forty to fifty miles of contact. There is a rumor current in Petrograd, and repeated from Rome, that Cracow has fallen to the Russians, but it is believed here that the report is premature.

Drive Against Austrians.

The seventh Russian army, very active in central Galicia, is engaged in the business of driving the Austrians into Hungary and appears to be accomplishing its task effectively. It has thrown a claw around Przemyśl while pressing the Austrians southward and westward.

In all of these operations the Russians appear to be acting cautiously, although with no less dash and confidence than characterized their earlier advances. Where the advance in East Prussia nearly three months ago was an independent raid, launched for the purpose of relieving the

Week-End Offerings.

We are offering the Following, and Other Great Bargains:

Dress Tweeds
40 to 48 inches wide. Checks and mixtures.
Regular, 60c. Week-end - 53c.

Fall Coatings
Popular Hop-Sack weave, Myrtle, V. Rose, Tango, Mahogany.
Regular, \$1.60. Week-end, \$1.45.

Door Panel Curtains
Full size, handsome patterns.
Regular, 55c. Week-end - 45c.
Regular, 75c. Week-end - 60c.

Umbrellas
Serviceable and strong, good varieties of handles.
Regular, 60c. Week-end - 49c.
Regular, 80c. Week-end - 69c.

Hand Bags
Values up to 50c. Week-end, 20c.

Knitted Hand Bags
Regular, 55c. Week-end - 40c.

Wool Hose
Women's heavy black.
Regular, 30c. Week-end - 25c.
Tan Cashmere.
Regular, 50c. Week-end - 40c.

Eiderdown
40 in. white ground, with 2 inch stripe, suitable for Dressing Gowns.
Regular, 45c. Week-end - 42c.

Flannelette
20 pieces 36 inch striped.
Regular, 27c. Week-end - 18c.

Table Cloths
White striped Damask, size 50 x 60.
Regular, 80c. Week-end - 65c.

Ladies' Underwear
Fleeced Ribbed (Essex Mills).
Regular, 35c. Week-end - 29c.
Regular, 55c. Week-end - 49c.

Childs Osoezi Vests
Regular, 40c. Week-end - 20c.

Giant Zephyr Wool
Regular, 12c. Week-end - 8c.

FOR MEN.

NEGLIGE SHIRTS.
Soft cuffs, good patterns.
Special - - - - 45c.
DRESSED REGATTA SHIRTS.
Reg., \$1.00. Week-end, 70c.
SWEATER COATS
Grey, with contrasting colors in front.
Reg., \$1.20. Week-end, 90c.

ODDMENTS in Men's Fine Grade Wolsey and Stanfield Underwear.

"EXTRA SPECIAL."

Child's Fur Sets— 50c., 60c. Child's Grebe Sets— 65c., 80c., 90c., \$1.20
Child's Combination Sets— 20c., 30c. Child's Muffs— 20c., 40c., 50c., 80c., \$1.00
Ladies' Muffs, 60c., 80c., \$1.00 Child's Sleeping Suits - 25c.



POULTRY SHOW WAS CLOSED

Lady Davidson Yesterday Presented the Many Prizes To the Winners

The Poultry Show which was brought to a close last evening with the presentation of prizes by Lady Davidson has been a great success.

There was a large attendance and the ceremony was interesting.

At 9:30 His Excellency the Governor and Lady Davidson arrived and were received by the President, Mr. G. W. Gushue, and the Secretary J. Calver, and other members of the committee.

His Excellency delivered a congratulatory address. He was pleased with the committee responsible for the arrangements were to be complimented.

Pres. Gushue replied, thanking His Excellency and asked Lady Davidson to present the cups which she did gracefully.

Governor's Cup (presented by His Excellency the Governor for the best display of White Leghorns, locally bred.)—Won by G. R. Williams.

Lady Davidson's Cup (presented by Lady Davidson for the best display of

strain on the Allies in the West, it is now a part of the whole general forward movement. Where the operations in Poland were almost entirely defensive three months ago, they are not completely of an offensive character, interlocked with the movements to the north and south. Finally, the new offensive in Galicia has the support of a powerful offensive in Poland and is further helped by the apparent split between the Germans and the Austrians.

'Buff Orpington', locally bred.)—Won by Hon. W. C. Job.

Reid Cup (Presented by W. D. Reid, Esq., for the greatest number of Blue Ribbons won on locally bred birds)—Won by W. R. Butler.

Job Cup (presented by Hon. W. C. Job for the best display of Barred Plymouth Rocks, locally bred)—Won by W. Barker.

Harris Cup (presented by Hon. John Harris for the best display of White Plymouth Rocks, locally bred)—Won by W. Reid.

Johnson Cup (presented by Pierce Johnson, Esq., for best display of White Wyandottes, locally bred)—Won by M. McLeod.

Westerland Cup (presented by H. Macpherson, Esq., for the best display of White Orpingtons, locally bred)—Won by G. R. Williams.

Bowring Cup (presented by Messrs. Bowring Bros., Ltd., for best display of Pekin Ducks, locally bred)—Won by W. R. Butler.

Agriculture Cup (presented by the Board of Agriculture for the best display of Rhode Island Reds, locally bred)—Won by J. O'Driscoll.

Messrs. McLeod, Barker and Reid win their trophies outright, and W. R. Butler takes the Reid Cup the second time. The latter altogether captured no less than forty-three ribbons.

For the Agriculture Cup, Messrs. O'Driscoll and S. Emberly were tied on points, but the former was awarded the trophy, having taken more first prizes.

Two of the cups have not yet been received from the makers, but will arrive shortly. The singing of the National Anthem concluded the presentation. Before leaving the Rink Lady Davidson was presented by Mr. W. R. Butler with the dozen of white eggs which had won him first prize in the competition.

The s.s. Bellaventure leaves Placentia today for Sydney.

S. AFRICAN REBELLION FIZZLES OUT

Loyalist Forces Crushing the Revolt in all Quarters and Will Soon Move on German S.W. Africa

London, Nov. 21.—The South African rebellion is rapidly fizzling out. General Beyers and his rebel forces have suffered a defeat near Kimberley, but escaped himself. Kirster, an officer, seventy-four men and one hundred horses were captured.

Van Rensburg, a member of the Free State Provincial Council, with sixty-five rebels, was also captured. Commandant Rensberg with 154 men surrendered at Brandford and another commander has done the same at Dewetsdorp.

The period for the amnesty expires on Saturday.

General De Wet, the rebel leader, though still at large, is reported to be slightly wounded, is suffering from a shortage of arms and ammunition.

When the rebellion is suppressed, the Union Government will proceed with the original plan to re-occupy German South West Africa.

Sir David Graaf, former High Commissioner of South Africa and Lady Graaf were entertained at a farewell luncheon at the Ritz to-day by the High Commissioners of Canada, New Zealand and Australia.

Schr. Cecil Bell will take freight for any part of Bonavista Bay. Loading at F.F.U. Wharf. Will sail on Tuesday, Nov. 25.—nov21