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Fishermen! Germans Use Treachery to Gain Time With Canadians

Enemy Made a Determined Attack, Singing "For God and Fatherland"

By Private Maitland C. Bolton, 7th Batt., C.E.E.

(Special correspondence of the Daily Mail.)

"On the firing line in France, April 30th—From where I write I can see the town of Ypres under heavy shell fire. The fighting started on the 24th, and since then it has been one long continuous battle.

"At the beginning of the battle I was attached to the Headquarters Staff. The advance dressing station was close by. Already the victims of the shrapnel were pouring in. The Germans' gunnery was simply marvellous. With shrapnel they searched every hedge in the countryside to drive our men out, and every road to keep reinforcements from coming up. Along each line they examined, shells burst every twenty yards. Coal boxes exploded every few minutes, but generally in the open fields, quite harmlessly.

"Presently we could see our men hurriedly retiring, driven from their trenches, partly by the gas fire, but chiefly by the new gas bombs. Then the order was given for us to man a line of trenches in front of the headquarters. We did it under heavy shell fire. Though half stifled by the 'stink-shells,' as the men call them, we hung on until a lull in the shell fire told us that the Germans were about to advance.

"They managed to set up a machine gun in position to enfilade us from the left. Under a withering cross fire we hung on waiting for orders. The men on our left had been forced to retire. Our right was falling back. Our reserves were gone.

Retired in Good Order.

"At last we could stand it no longer. We retired in orderly manner, half of us staying behind to cover the retreat of the rest with a rapid fire. We got away with very few casualties, though the machine gun and rifle fire of the enemy was terrific.

"It was impossible to steam the tide of oncoming masses of Germans. We did our best, manning every trench we came to. Thus throughout the afternoon, we managed to impose a steady check on their advance, and in the evening reinforcements and artillery arrived, and the Germans were forced to entrench, and settle down to steady fighting.

Magnificent Sight.

"The sight of line after line of our men advancing in open order across the fields, careless of the withering hail of shrapnel poured upon them, was magnificent. Soon a pitched battle was on. The rattle of rapid fire guns, the crackle of rifles, and the roar of the shells lasted until nightfall, when both sides dug themselves in for the night.

"We had retired late in the afternoon, leaving the newcomers to guard the field. In a line of reserve trenches we got a little rest and some rations, both of which we needed pretty badly. About two o'clock next morning the remnants of our brigade were gathered together. Despite the heavy rain, which had commenced by this time, at daybreak, we made our way back almost to the original trenches, where we prepared to dig ourselves in.

Usual Treachery.

"The enemy at once appeared and, as usual, to gain time, tried to make themselves out to be our friends. One of our men who could speak German went forward with his hands up. They pretended to be afraid yet anxious to come in. Our man got to within a few yards of them, then, satisfied that they were Germans, started to come back. They shot him in his tracks.

"We did our best to avenge him and a general fusillade followed. The Germans retired, but not until several of our men had fallen. The man next to me went down with a bullet through his head. We took advantage of the lull to dig ourselves in. It was lucky that we managed to do so, for almost immediately after we were comfortably settled they set up three machine-guns and opened upon us.

"The rest of the day passed quietly, with occasional bursts of rifle and machine-gun fire, followed by a period of absolute quiet.

"For God and Fatherland."

"At nightfall they made a determined attack on our right flank, coming on singing 'For God and the Fatherland.' We soon made them

quit that, however, and they settled down to dig themselves in under cover of the darkness. They were only about a hundred yards away, but owing to the scarcity of ammunition we were not able to annoy them to any great extent. We could easily hear the noise of their entrenching tools, and the sound of their voices as they talked among themselves.

Within a Hundred Yards.

"Then followed an anxious night. We were all of us so dead tired that we could hardly keep our eyes open, yet a good lookout had to be kept. The expected reinforcements did not arrive. There we were, in an advanced corner of the line, entirely unprotected, with a considerable body of the enemy only a hundred yards away.

"At dawn they charged, but we beat them back. The wonder is that we ever got away at all. Word to retire, however, was received from headquarters. Quietly, led by our officers, we filed out of our position. Not a shot was fired at us. Keeping under the cover of the hedges, we made our way to the main road and so out of the danger zone.

A Shattered Country.

"For a mile down the road we could see skirmishes going on all round us. The road itself was a ghastly sight. It was lined with dead men and mutilated horses, equipment, broken wagons, rifles and ammunition were scattered in every direction.

"Every house in the country had been heavily shelled. The village in which we had been living only three days before was a mere mass of ruins.

"After a few hours' rest, we again took up a position close to the enemy's lines. There we spent two comparatively quiet days except for periodical bombardments of shell fire during which we suffered several casualties.

"This is the story of the battle of Langemarck as I saw it. Though it sounds commonplace enough, it was nevertheless exciting enough while it lasted. Things have quieted down considerably now, and we are watching developments from a comparatively safe distance.

Transylvania Narrowly Escaped a Submarine

Passengers on Anchor Liner State That German Pirate Craft Shot Torpedo at Ship Sunday Afternoon

London, May 18.—The Anchor liner Transylvania, carrying 879 passengers, narrowly escaped the same fate as the Lusitania, according to passengers who arrived here to-day from Glasgow.

A German submarine shot a torpedo at the Transylvania Sunday afternoon, they asserted, but the death missile passed forty yards astern.

"I was standing with two others on the Transylvania's forward deck at about 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon," said Walter R. Burston, of Kent, who was returning to England from Jerome, Ariz. "One of the other passengers suddenly spied the periscope of a submarine and called our attention to it."

"An instant later there was a flash through the water and we saw the white wake of a torpedo. It passed, as near as I can estimate, about 40 yards astern."

"We did not want to alarm the other passengers, but sent word to Capt. Black on the bridge. The Transylvania immediately adopted a zig-zaggy course. She continued rushing about in this manner for several hours, careening from side to side in an alarming manner."

Burston's statement was corroborated by Kenneth Douglas, an actor in the Silk Stocking company, who also arrived here from Glasgow aboard the 6 o'clock train.

Burston said that the Transylvania which sailed from New York on the same day as the Lusitania was sunk, was in mid-ocean before her passengers learned that any lives had been lost aboard the big Cunarder.

"An hour before the Transylvania sailed, New York newspapers carried the rumor that the Lusitania had been torpedoed," said Burston, "but they also had reports that she had been beached without loss of life."

"The Transylvania received orders to put into Glasgow and discharge her

SUPREME COURT

The King vs. Volley Snowden

The accused was charged with burning a house at Lobster Cove, near Bonne Bay, on the 25th October last. The trial occupied Tuesday and Wednesday last, before the Chief Justice and a Special Jury.

After the Judge's charge, the Jury deliberated for two hours or more, and then announced that they could not agree.

A new trial was ordered, and set to commence at 10 a.m. on Monday next.

Yesterday morning, Mr. Morine, K.C., for the accused, moved, supported by his own affidavit, for a postponement sufficient to allow certain necessary and material witnesses to be brought here. He said that at the recent trial, two witnesses had differed as to the precise time when the accused arrived at a certain house, and the trial-judge had told the jury that the point was important, and they had to decide which witness to believe.

Mr. Morine was instructed that a third independent trustworthy witness could be got to testify in a way which supported the contentions he had made for the accused. That third witness had been unable to attend at the recent trial.

There was another witness he had just been informed, who could give definite evidence favorable to the accused on a point of very great importance, and he requested time to procure this witness. She was at Bonne Bay or the vicinity.

An oil can had been found in the embers of the burnt house, and the question how it came there had been much debated. He was informed that important evidence on this point could be obtained at Lobster Cove, which he considered of very great importance.

For these reasons, Mr. Morine asked for delay. The three Judges after deliberation announced their unanimous decision that an adjournment should not be granted, and accordingly the second trial will begin on Monday next.

Special jurors will be summoned, and they are asked to particularly note that they are to be at the court by 10 a.m. on Monday.

Football Notes

The Casual Football Club hold their annual meeting to-night. They hope to make a good showing in the League Games this year, as they are likely to put on a strong eleven.

St. Andrew's team have had several practice games, and hope to win honor and glory this season in maintaining the traditions of the "good old sport." The club meets this evening after practice to elect officers.

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The champions (Star) are also getting busy and will be as usual "hard nuts" to crack.

B. I. S., C. E. I. and Fieldian players are also getting in trim and a successful season of the soccer game is anticipated.

The League meets to-morrow night to arrange the fixtures.

Messrs. Bowring Bros had a wire yesterday afternoon from Captain Keane of the Prospero, saying that the steamer had reached within five miles of the Offer Wadhams, where a solid jam of ice met, which it was utterly impossible to penetrate. The steamer was panned all day on Wednesday and on her return to Greenspond Messrs Bowring ordered Captain Keane to return to St. John's.

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passengers, instead of proceeding to Liverpool with them. Until they arrived at the Glasgow railway station yesterday afternoon, most of the Transylvania's passengers firmly believed that the majority of the Lusitania's passengers had been saved."

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