

MRS. BELL TELLS OF TRIP ABROAD

Some Interesting Experiences in P.E.I.—Practical Patriotism of the People

Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Bell who were visiting Canada returned by yesterday's express after a very pleasant trip.

Mrs. Bell left home last month, accompanying her son Charlie to the Collegiate School, Winsor, where he is entering upon his third year. She is a great admirer of the charming little town of Winsor and its environs and speaks enthusiastically of its educational advantages.

From there she proceeded to Charlottetown, P.E.I., to visit her sister, and spent a couple of happy weeks there.

Produce Centre.

Charlottetown is the great produce centre of Eastern Canada and is well known to many Newfoundlanders, as it is from that city we receive a large portion of our winter's supply of vegetables.

This year the crop on the island has been unusually large, and the greatest for many years, and but for the gloom which the war has cast everywhere, the present year would be the most successful in the history of the place.

The annual autumnal exhibition took place while Mrs. Bell was visiting Charlottetown and she was a frequent visitor at the grounds.

The poultry show was particularly interesting. The exhibits were splendid.

No Better Than Ours.

"How did it compare with ours last year?" she was asked. "Well, it was no better, in fact I hardly think it was as good, and I told my friends so, too," was her reply.

This will be flattering to our poultry enthusiasts, as of course St. John's has not pretended to equal our neighbors in this connection.

"Charlottetown is now a very busy centre," she continued. "The ladies are working assiduously for the Patriotic movement and also for the relief of the Belgians."

"A special appeal has been made for the latter, and all, high and low, rich and poor, are responding as true Britons and Christians."

Goodly Response.

The appeal did not fall on deaf ears, or tightened purses, and the results are most gratifying. Scores of cases of clothing and food stuffs are being packed and huge quantities have already been shipped to the hungry and ill-clad widows and orphans of that sorely-stricken country.

The Belgian people are deserving of everyone's sympathy and support. But for their heroic conduct and brilliant defence, the position of the Allies to-day would not be as favorable as it is. The whole British speaking world owes them a debt which will never be able to repay. On this is certain, a bond of union has sprung up between Belgium and the Allies which will never obliterate, and Mrs. Bell says the residents of Charlottetown are doing their share to help them in their hour of distress.

While there, a very successful Patriotic Parade was held under the auspices of the Red Cross Society. The sight was a novel and unique one and was witnessed by enthusiastic crowds. That the efforts were appreciated is evidenced by the magnificent collection that was taken up.

'Wounded Soldiers.'

"The Hospital," "P. E. Island Oats," "Britannia," "His Country's Call," "Britons Never, Never Shall Be Slaves," "Indian Scene," "It's a Long Way to Tipperary" and a straw stuffed impersonation of the Kaiser were among the sights.

It will interest our Charlottetown friends to know that about the time of their parade we in St. John's were holding our Patriotic Concerts with its impressive tableaux, which delighted all, whereby \$800 was contributed to our Patriotic Fund.

Mrs. Bell says the run from Sydney was made on time and was most enjoyable. The turning of the leaves makes a brilliant scene which one could never tire of, and one is able to appreciate to the fullest the beauty of Newfoundland scenery.

GERMAN LINER BRITISH PRIZE

London, Oct. 15.—A despatch to Lloyd's from Gibraltar, says the Hamburg-American steamer Gras, from New York for Cadiz, Spain, was brought into Gibraltar yesterday, as a prize.

Prospero left Fogo at 9.45 a.m. and is due here to-morrow evening.

The C.C.C. Church Parade arranged for Sunday has been postponed.

ALLIES MET REVERSES

In the Fighting East of Ghent and Withdrew Into France

London, Oct. 15.—The Ostend correspondent of The Central News reports that in the fighting East of Ghent on Sunday morning, the Allies met with a reverse.

They had been driven out of one position after another all Saturday night by German artillery, the correspondent says and in the morning one brigade lost its way, misled by a guide. It was ambushed and suffered heavy losses. The retreat, however, was continued in good order toward Thourout, where firing continued Monday and Tuesday.

This force finally withdrew into France and there has been very heavy fighting in the neighborhood of Dunkirk. The same despatch says the Belgian army has been ordered to an unnamed point to recuperate.

EMDEN'S TENDERS BECOMES PRIZES

Steamers Markomannia and Portsport Sunk by H.M.S. Yarmouth

London, Oct. 15.—The Admiralty announces that the British cruiser Yarmouth has sunk the German Hamburg Line steamer Markomannia (4,505 tons) in the vicinity of Sumatra and has captured and is taking into harbour the Greek steamer Portsport.

Both the Markomannia and the Portsport have been reported previously as accompanying the German cruiser Emden.

The Yarmouth has sixty German prisoners on board.

LANDSLIDE BLOCKS CANAL

Ships Tied Up in the Big Panama Ditch By Blockade

Panama, Oct. 15.—A serious landslide in Culebra Cut at a late hour last night interrupted completely all traffic through the Panama Canal.

Several ships in the Canal have been unable to complete their passage.

Nascopie Returns

The s.s. Nascopie, Capt. Meikle, arrived at breakfast hour from Hudson Bay where she spent the latter part of the summer distributing cargo at the various stations of the company and collecting furs.

The Nascopie brought along a large quantity of valuable skins. Twenty-three passengers came by including Supt. DeMeres of the North-West Mounted Police and family and Capt. Harold Bartlett and crew of the Laddie, as the vessel is lying up at Moose Hr.

All on the steamer enjoyed good health.

Adventure Loads Fish

The s.s. Adventure has been chartered to load fish for the Mediterranean ports and sails next week. The s.s. R. Nansen, which also loads for the Mediterranean ports is due early next week from Swansea.

Fell From Pole

Charles Hennessy, of Holyrood was brought to town by last night's rain and was conveyed to the Hospital in the ambulance. While working on a telegraph pole the pole broke and he fell sustaining serious injuries.

Two Whalers Returns

The whaling steamers Hawk and Puma arrived this morning, having finished operations for this season. They secured 70 whales which will about pay expenses.

Labor Bureau

The meeting of members of Quarterly Boards and others of the Methodist Churches in St. John's for the purpose of forming a Labor Bureau, was largely attended at Gower St. Church basement, last evening.

The subject was enthusiastically taken up and a committee was formed to make the necessary arrangements.

Poultry Show

The members of the Poultry Association at a meeting recently held decided to hold another exhibition in the Prince's Rink, next week.

CONTEMPLATE MARCH ON PARIS

Germans Said To Be Transferring Troops East To West For This

London, Oct. 15.—Germans arriving here, says the Copenhagen correspondent of the Times, state that owing to the failure of the Russians to make progress against the Germans, the latter have decided to immediately transfer considerable masses of troops from the Eastern to the Western front for an advance on Paris.

This transfer probably already has begun as ordinary train traffic is delayed for forty-eight hours. Plans for the occupation of Paris drawn up by Germans before the battle of the Marne, continues the correspondent, contemplated demands for an indemnity of a Billion Dollars and unless the entire sum was paid within a fortnight property of equal value was to have been taken to Berlin, including art works and libraries and retained there until full satisfaction of the indemnity was made.

Stole Tin of Enamel

A laborer of Flower Hill was arrested yesterday, charged with stealing a tin of enamel valued at 24 cents from G. Knowling's West End store. His plea was that he was under the influence of liquor at the time and did not know what he was doing.

He was ordered to sign bonds for his future good behaviour.

Helen Stewart, 34 days from Bahia, arrived this morning in ballast to A. S. Rendell & Co.

German Prisoners Wept; Thought They'd be Shot

Official Press Bureau Issues Statement of Eyewitness in the Allied Trenches

GRAMOPHONES AT THE FRONT

Germans Fire on Party Sent Out by the British to Bury the Enemy's Dead

London, Oct. 14.—The Official Press Bureau on Sunday issued the following descriptive account, communicated by an eye witness at the British general headquarters which continues and supplements the narrative published October 9 of the movements of the British force and the French armies in immediate touch with it.

"Comparative calm on our front has continued through fine and warmer weather. The last six days have been slightly misty with clouds hanging so low that conditions have not been very agreeable for aerial reconnaissance.

"Poor Flying Weather. "In regard to the latter it is astonishing how quickly the habit is acquired, even by those who are not aviators, of thinking of the weather in terms of its suitability for flying. There has been a bright moon also, which has militated against night attacks.

"On Saturday, October 9, practically nothing happened except that each side shelled the other. Towards evening on Sunday, there was a similar absence of artillery. Opposite one portion of our line the enemy's bands played patriotic airs, and the audiences which gathered gave a chance to our waiting aviators.

"Not only do their regimental bands perform occasionally, but with their proverbial fondness for music the Germans have, in some places, gramophones in their trenches.

"On Monday the 5th, there were three separate duels in the air between French and German aviators, one of which was visible from our trenches. Two of the struggles were, as far as could be seen, indecisive, but in the third the French aviators were victorious and brought down both of their opponents, who were killed, by machine gun fire. The observer was so burned as to be unrecognizable.

"During the day some men of the Landwehr were taken prisoners by us. They were in very poor condition, and wept copiously when captured. One, on being asked what he was crying for, explained that though they had been advised to surrender to the English, they believed that they would be shot.

"Fired on Burial Party "One of our infantry patrols had discovered 150 dead Germans in a wood one and a half miles from our front. We sent a party out to bury them, but it was fired upon and had to withdraw.

"On Tuesday, the 6th, the enemy's guns were active in the afternoon. It is believed that the bombardment was due to anger because two of our howitzer shells had detonated right in one of the enemy's trenches, which was full of men. Three horses were killed by the German fire.

"Wednesday the 7th, was uneventful. On Thursday the 8th, the shelling by the enemy of a location on our front which has so far been the scene of their strongest efforts, was again continuous.

"Opposite one or two points the Germans have again attempted to gain ground by sapping in some places with the view of secretly pushing forward machine guns in advance of their trenches, so that they can suddenly sweep with crosswise fire the space between our line and theirs, and so take any advantage of ours in the flank."

Stephano Delayed

S. S. Stephano will not leave for Halifax and New York until Monday. The delay is due to the heavy cargo of fish offering. When she leaves port all her available cargo space will be occupied.

CHEERY TIDINGS

French War Office Reports Much Progress By the Allies

(Official French Bulletin.) Paris, Oct. 15.—On our left wing the enemy has evacuated the left bank of the Lys between the Lys and the Canal of La Bassee.

The situation shows no change, in the region of Lens and between Arras and Albert our progress has been marked.

Between the Somme and Gise there has been no change.

Made Advance. On the centre between the Oise and the Meuse, we have advanced in the direction of Craonne to the Northeast of the Highway from Berry au Bac Rheims and to the north of Prunay in the direction of Bein.

Several German trenches have been taken between the Meuse and the Moselle.

After having repulsed during the night of Oct. 13th, certain attacks to the Southwest of Verdun our troops advanced on 14th to South of the Highway from Verdun to Metz.

Definitely Checked. On our right wing, a partial offensive movement which was undertaken by Germans in the Bau-de Sapt to the North of San Die has been definitely checked.

In Russia the fighting continues along the front beginning in the vicinity of Warsaw and stretching along the Vistula and the Sea as far as Przemyśl and further in a Southerly direction as far as the Dniester.

There has been no change in East Prussia.

Men's & Boy's Overcoats

Overcoats that are warm and comfortable, correct in style, and moderate in price, are some of the good points of our stock this season, and there are other features you will observe when you examine them.

The materials are Heavy Tweeds, in Heathers, Greys, Mixtures and Stripes.

For Men:

In Single Breasted, with "Stormway" Collar and in Double Breasted Ulster Styles.

Prices range from


\$5.80 to \$12.00.

For Boys:

In Single Breasted Chesterfield, and with Storm Collar; a few with Velvet Collars.

Prices range from

\$4.60 to \$7.30.



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FIGHTS FAVOR THE ALLIES

Little Chance of the German Forces Being Able to Reach Sea Coast

London, Oct. 16.—The severe fighting of the past few days, mainly in the North West of France, says a Paris correspondent of The Express, has resulted strongly in favor of the Allies and unless the Germans bring up heavy reinforcements there is little danger of their reaching the Channel.

Port Albert and Arras are in the hands of the French but are still being bombarded.

A French army corps has captured 36 field guns.

The Germans are continually receiving reinforcements of guns and men but the Allies are also strengthening their lines.

Between Roye and Lasigny the battle is still undecided and many of the towns are being reduced to ruins and none of the civil population remains.

Florizel Returns

The Florizel was chartered to take our Volunteers across the Atlantic, and she will return to this side of the water. It is not known when she will leave England, or whether she proceed to New York or St. John's first.

Archbishop's Funeral Postponed Till Monday

Owing to the fact that His Grace Archbishop McCarthy, of Halifax, has signified his intention to attend the Obsequies of the late Archbishop Howley, and is now on his way to St. John's, it has been found necessary to postpone the Funeral.

Instead of on Sunday, as previously announced, the Funeral will take place on Monday morning, after Solemn Requiem Mass, commencing at 10 a.m.

E. P. ROCHE.

The s.s. Durango arrived at Liverpool yesterday morning. She leaves again on the 22nd.

Was Schr. in Distress?

Schr. Orient, Capt. Jas. Croake, from St. Brendan's, arrived last night, having been out in yesterday's gale. He reports seeing a schooner about 40 to 50 tons, to the leeward yesterday apparently under one sail, and having a hard time, but Captain Croake has not idea what schooner it is. She apparently left the north side of Bonavista Bay.

She was half way across Conception Bay, about 15 miles off, when seen yesterday about 3 p.m.

We trust she will turn up alright. If any schooner is missing those who know should at once report the same.

The schooner may have gone back to Catalina, but up to the present she has not arrived here.

GERMANS TRY QUENCH FLAMES AT ANTWERP

Have, So Far, Done No Plundering in the Captured City

STREETS SHOW SIGNS OF HURRIED FLIGHT

Invader Has Invited People To Return and Promises Security

Amsterdam, Oct. 13 (Despatch to the London Daily Chronicle).—I have been able to get details of the German occupation of Antwerp from Dutch friends who have been there since Friday. As neutrals they can go there with little risk, though for an English journalist to make the trip would be to invite execution as a spy.

Up to the present the Germans have done no plundering; and the city is well policed by armed guards. The soldiers are using the city's brigade appliances to extinguish the fires that still smolder in buildings wrecked by shells, but the water supply seems inadequate.

Hurried Flight

Many instances of hurried flight are to be found in bundles of clothing

TRIBUTE OF RESPECT

Manager Kielew Transfers Nickel Show to the Casino

On learning of the death of His Grace Archbishop Howley, yesterday, Mr. Kielew at once closed the Nickel show as a token of respect. The theatre is in a building which was very dear to the heart of the deceased prelate and is close to the Cathedral where the remains are now lying in State.

It will reopen on Monday with a new and attractive programme. For the benefit of patrons the Casino opens this afternoon and will continue tomorrow.

Arthur C. Huskins, the popular balladist who has made such a great impression in the city will sing that delightful love song "Just Awearyin' for You." His many friends are anxious to hear him again. Remember to-night's show is at the Casino. There will be a grand matinee tomorrow afternoon for children.

and other property left in the streets by refugees who found that they had brought from home more than they could carry away. In the streets on the outskirts are Belgian guns still in position and hastily formed barricades.

The Germans seem very anxious for the population to return, and promise their safety if they behave peacefully. Some of the people have already returned, but there does not appear to be any general tendency in that direction.

Triumphal Entry. The German soldiers entered the town singing. Many were decorated with flowers, having nosegays in their tunics, in the muzzles of their rifles, and in their horses' bridles. But this triumphant entry was only for spectacular purposes, and most of the troops afterward marched out again to encamp on the outskirts. There are now few German soldiers in the city except in the square before the Hotel De Ville.

It was a pathetic experience while compiling this list to be surrounded by a group of refugees asking what news there was of the streets in which their homes had once been.