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CANADIANS IN ACTION AT FRONT

Princess Patricia Regiment
Gave a Good Account of
Themselves When Put into
Action on Battlefields of
West Flanders.

Montreal, Dec. 31.—The Princess Patricia's, during the last two days, have been in advanced trenches along with the British guard regiments and have acquitted themselves well, says a despatch to the Star sent from Northern France today. The despatch continues:

"There have been a few casualties, one being a commanding officer, but to use the word of my informant, who is a wounded British guardsman returned to this base for convalescence, 'they are all old soldiers and know as much about the game as we did, and a blooming sight more than the enemy.'"

"I am told the Canadians went in to action where yards count. In an advanced trench of the British lines at a village which was vigorously shelled by the Germans is especially in ruins. Another trench on the right of the little town is held by mounted French cavalry. The German snipers had hidden themselves in farm buildings to the northeast, making it extremely hazardous for supplies to reach our advanced positions."

"About twenty of the Canadians," continued my informant, "managed to gain the ruins at the extreme end of the village during the night and when daylight came, they accounted for practically of the German snipers and dashed back into safety before the German artillery fire was directed to the stronghold."

"My guardsman thought that there was only a section of the regiment actually in the trenches and that the main portion was still in reserve when he was wounded."

The correspondent says the Princess Patricia's had been billeted Christmas eve at a little French village ten miles from the firing line.

Here they spent a part of Christmas morning. The French people had arranged, special Christmas festivities for the Canadians, but the order came that they were to march northward in support of certain guard regiments as it was feared that the Germans might take advantage of the fog to make a Christmas day attack. The Canadians cheerfully abandoned all hope of a Christmas dinner in a practically peaceful village for a chance to get into the trenches.

The despatch concludes:
"Another thing my informant emphasized was the coolness and fearlessness of the Canadians. He declared they all seemed to be picked shots. One thing seems certain and that is that so fine an impression have the Princess Patricia's created by their bearing, discipline and certain that the rest of the contingent will be doubly welcomed by the rest of the empire's army."

GREETINGS FROM AN OLD NANAIMOITE

The first long distance telephone message received by The Herald this year, was one at an early hour this morning from Mr. Ralph Smith, Vancouver, formerly of Nanaimo, who wishes through these columns to extend to his many friends in Nanaimo his best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

TURKS MOVING ON SUEZ CANAL.

Paris, Dec. 31.—A despatch to the Havas Agency from Athens says: "The Turks have sent large forces commanded by German officers with artillery drawn by oxen and poison sections toward Suez, according to members of the French clergy and runs from Syria, who have arrived here."

"Subjects of the triple entente powers in Jerusalem they say, were subjected only to police surveillance until the report of the bombardment of Alexandria was received, when they all were imprisoned. The Turkish authorities desired to seize the records of the French consulate but desisted before the energetic attitude of the Spanish consul, who threatened to ask for his passports if they did so. The Turks, however, took the records of the French consulate in Damascus."

NANAIMO MEN TO LEAVE FOR FRONT

Two Nanaimo men will leave from Victoria in a day or two with the draft being taken from the 30th Overseas Battalion for the reinforcement of the Princess Patricia Regiment to go into the trenches. These are Enoch Francis and Bugler Davidson who have been stationed at Victoria the past few weeks. They were among the 124 men selected for the contingent.

While the official intimation is not yet out, it is firmly believed in military circles that the force will board the 1:45 Vancouver boat on Saturday and proceed direct to the British base in the north of France.

Enoch Francis was in the city yesterday on 24 hours leave of absence. He has seen service in Africa and has a good record. His wife will reside here during his absence.

Wednesday was spent by those who were chosen to go to the support of the first Canadian corps to see active service in making final preparations. There was muster parade at Victoria at 10 o'clock in the forenoon. On this occasion an outline of what each individual should take care of, in order that the entire unit might be placed in a state of complete readiness, was given by the commanding officer. The remainder of the day, therefore, was one of marked activity on the part of all concerned. In the headquarters of the draft leaves, but everything was attended to before evening.

KEEPING ABREAST OF THE TIMES

New Ladysmith Lumber Company Has Purchased New Locomotive Which Will be Operated on Local Line.

The management of the New Ladysmith Lumber Co., Ltd., have purchased a new locomotive to be operated on the Company's track from Nanaimo to East Wellington.

During the past few years the traffic on the road has greatly increased and the need of better equipment for handling the traffic has been felt for some time. With the hauling of the outputs from the various brickworks, the coal from the Jingle Pot mine and the lumber manufactured at the East Wellington saw mill to take care of, the locomotive is seldom laid up.

The new engine will take the place of the one at present in use and is "Made in Canada." The Canadian Locomotive Works, at Kingston, Ont., are the makers and Canadian materials have been used throughout all its construction.

The locomotive is of the saddle tank and four coupler type, with 12 inch cylinders and 16 inch stroke. The diameter of the driving wheel is 40 inches and of the boiler 39 inches. There are 100 tubes 11 inch in diameter and 7 ft. 9 in. long, all tubes being made of seamless steel. The steam pressure is 165 pounds. The engine is equipped with straight as well as automatic air brakes and has two headlights. The weight is 65,000 pounds.

The Government Inspector is busy inspecting the boiler and within the next few days the locomotive will be in good running order.

Mr. Walter Alsopp, of Vancouver, is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Henry Alsopp, Nicol street.

TODAY'S EVENTS.

- 10 a.m.—Rifle Shoot for turkeys, pigs and geese at the Somerset and Quarterway.
- 2:30 p.m.—Football match on the Cricket Grounds—Nanaimo vs. United vs. Garrison.
- 2:30 p.m.—Moving Pictures at the Bijou Theatre.
- 6:30 p.m.—Moving Pictures at the Bijou Theatre.
- 7:00 p.m.—Moving pictures at the Opera House.
- 9:00 p.m.—Masquerade Ball of the Pythian Sisters, Oddfellows' Hall.

NEW YEAR FINDS ARMIES FIGHTING

Old Year Pushed out and New Year Ushered in With Desperate Fighting All Along The Battle Line.

London, Dec. 31.—The New Year finds belligerent Europe after five months of war, fighting as sternly as at the beginning, but seemingly without prospects of immediate big victories which the combatants have set as their task. The Austrians have again been driven out of the greater part of Galicia, and, according to a Vienna statement, the Russians have crossed the Carpathians for the third time, but in Poland where the more important battle is in progress, the armies of the Russian and German emperors are still fighting for the banks of the rivers which intersect the country between the Upper Vistula and Pilica rivers.

In Flanders and France there has been a lull in the fighting on most of the front, disturbed occasionally, however, by artillery fire, infantry attacks and counter attacks. The French tonight announce that they have carried half of the village of Steinbach, in Upper Alsace, which while of little or no importance in itself, stands at the foot of a hill which commands a large part of the surrounding country.

It is in this region, as in the vicinity of Noyon and between the Argonne ridge and the Meuse that the French have been pushing their offensive with the greatest force and where they claim to have made the most progress.

Along the Belgian coast the fighting is confined to artillery bombardments. Westende and many other little towns which long ago were deserted by the civilian populations, have been made the target for shells of the allies.

Walish Bay, a British possession on the coast of German Southwest Africa, which the Germans took at the start of the war, has been retaken by the Union of South African forces, while the Australians have annexed Bougainville Island, another of the Solomon Islands over which flew the German flag and about the last of the German islands in the Pacific.

In London New Year's eve was celebrated by the usual dinners and dances at hotels, restaurants and other places, but with less gaiety and on a much smaller scale. At the larger hotels, however, there was a large attendance of officers on leave or waiting to go to the front, many French and Belgians who were driven from their homes by the war and a considerable sprinkling of Americans.

The list of New Year's honors offered by King George on the recommendation of the premier and the foreign and colonial offices, was very short and contained no new peerage. At the head of the list are the Earls of Derby and Chesterfield, who get the Order of the Garter for their services in recruiting and Baron Lovat, who receives the Order of the Thistle for the same reason. The Earl of Aberdeen, whose retirement from the Lord Lieutenantcy of Ireland is expected, is raised to the rank of Marquisate.

UNITED STATES LOSES BY WAR

Washington, Dec. 31.—The war in Europe had cost the United States \$382,331,172 in decreased exports up to December 1, according to a statement issued today by the department of commerce. Exports to all countries for the eleven months period ending with November aggregated \$1,867,991,492 against \$2,250,322,664 for the same period in 1914. Despite the showing, however, the November trade balance in favor of the United States was \$69,411,271 and for the 11 months period \$193,372,046.

The most striking demonstration of the effect of the war shown by the statement is the decrease of Germany's \$48,072,794 consumption in November 1913 to \$42,136 in November this year. For Belgium the decrease was from \$9,999,169 in 1913 to \$121,816 last month.

In the drawing held by Bastion Chapter, Daughters of the Empire, at Gibbons & Calderhead's store yesterday, No. 218 won the string of beads and 67P the tea cosy. Willie Wallace made the drawing.

A Happy New Year To One And All.

NO PAPER, SATURDAY.

Today being a public holiday there will be no issue of The Herald tomorrow (Saturday) morning. The next issue of the paper will (D. V.) appear Sunday morning.

JAMES CAIN PASSED AWAY

Old and Respected Resident of Nanaimo For Many Years Died Last Evening at Advanced Age of Eighty-Five Years.

The death occurred in Nanaimo last evening of James Cain, one of the best known and most highly respected residents of the district for a number of years.

The deceased had reached the advanced age of 85 years and during his life time had had an interesting and varied career. He was a veteran of the American Civil War, having fought for three years on the side of the Union army and previously volunteered his services in defence of his native country during the dark days of the Crimean War.

James Cain was born in Garwood, Ireland, on June 21st, 1829. When 10 years of age he left his native land for Scotland and later for England, where he volunteered for service in the Crimea. He came to America in 1857, settling first in Pennsylvania, afterwards removing to Missouri. After the Civil War he settled in Illinois and came west to California 38 years ago. In 1877 he came to this province and after a brief stay here returned to California, but came back to Vancouver Island the following year and has resided in this district ever since. He lived in Wellington 12 years, in South Wellington 12 years, and has resided in Nanaimo the past three years. He had always followed the occupation of farming or mining and was most highly respected with all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

Besides his widow he is survived by four sons, James Cain, San Francisco; Peter Cain, Nanaimo; J. L. Ward, stepson, Nanaimo; and Robert L. Cain, Nanaimo; and three daughters, Mrs. James Bogle, San Mateo, California; Mrs. M. J. Malpass, Vancouver, and Mrs. Thomas Buckle, Central Park, Vancouver.

The funeral will take place from the family residence 128 Irwin street, Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock, funeral arrangements being in the hands of Mr. D. J. Jenkins.

Friends are requested not to send any flowers.

BRITISH VICTORY.

London, Dec. 31.—A despatch to the Reuter Telegram Company from Capetown says that Walish Bay on the southwest coast of Africa was re-occupied on Christmas day without opposition by a strong British force.

CHEERY MESSAGE FOR NEW YEAR

Manager Stockett Takes Encouraging View of Prospects For 1915, and Looks to Increased Output From the Mines.

A New Year's message from Mr. T. R. Stockett, the local manager of the Western Fuel Company, will be read with unusual interest by Herald readers. Appreciating this fact, a Herald representative waited on Mr. Stockett, and asked him if he would favor Herald readers with such a message. Manager Stockett's reply follows and his strong note of optimism will cheer and encourage all who read it. Here is the message:

"The Company closed the past year with a production of over three hundred thousand tons of coal, all of which has been marketed, and this, in view of the disturbance of the usual markets for the celebrated Nanaimo coal by the late unfortunate industrial unpleasantness, is considered very satisfactory by the Company."

During the past several months, the production of No. 1 mine has been nearly up to its past records, and the outlook for the New Year is very encouraging. The South side which the Company was forced to flood during August 1913, is practically unwatered, and early in the coming year, this side will renew its activity as a producer. New development will be taken up early in the year looking to the future productivity of this grand old mine, which, on the last day of the year, produced a total of 1547 tons, all from the North side workings."

"At the new Reserve Mine development work underground is making steady progress, and as soon as the headings between the two shafts are connected, the workings will be opened out rapidly. During the New Year this mine will become a steady producer, and will add to the business activity of Nanaimo. Already some coal has been hoisted and passed over the tipples, screens, and picking tables, all of which worked satisfactorily and indicated that the surface lay-out of this mine will prove to be all that its designers anticipated."

"On the whole the outlook for 1915 is encouraging. Nanaimo, with the return of harmony in its industrial ranks, will participate in the general revival of business on the Pacific Coast, and its industrial workers and business people have every reason to look forward to the new year with confidence and courage."

"To the Company's Employees—each and all—The Manager extends through the columns of the Herald, the Season's Compliments and the wish for a Happy and Prosperous New Year."

Among the Nanaimo boys who are in garrison at Victoria who are spending New Year's at home, are Robt. Thompson, David Reid and R. J. Prowse.

FORCE MEN TO FIGHT IN AFRICA

London, Dec. 31.—A telegram received here today by Reuters from Pretoria, the seat of government of South Africa says:

"It is officially announced that the government intends to commandeer men for service in German Southwest Africa and in the Union of South Africa as the union cannot be adjusted by depending on the volunteer recruits."

"As a reason for this action it is pointed out that Lieutenant Colonel Maritz, who escaped to German Southwest Africa with a few hundred rebels, is now attempting to return with German reinforcements armed with field guns and rifles to stir up the rebellion afresh and prosecute it more effectively."

"In view of this danger of an invasion, the official communication says it is necessary to employ a much larger force than at first was intended in order to destroy the enemy rebel forces so they never again can menace the peace of South Africa."

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Harwood, of Vancouver, are spending New Year's with relatives in Nanaimo.

BERLIN DENIES GERMAN DEFEAT

Berlin, Dec. 31, via Wireless.—In the absence of any striking battle news today all the newspapers of Berlin print in a prominent place despatches dealing with the note of protest sent by the United States to Great Britain regarding the detention and the searching of American ships. The Lokal Anzeiger on the incident declares that Great Britain will be obliged to grant all of America's principal demands since she dare not make the United States an opponent who could cut off a greater part of England's importations.

Commentators on the situation in the eastern fighting zone unite in attaching little importance to the reports of Russia's gains in Galicia. They declare that the outcome will be decided further to the north where the German advance, they assert, is proceeding according to plans.

From the German army headquarters comes a denial of the report that the Belgians captured 2,000 Germans in the fighting around Lombardtzde. The denial says that the Germans in the long battles around Lombardtzde and Neuport lost altogether in dead, wounded and missing only about 1,200, of which total a number are missing.

SCANDINAVIA MEANS BUSINESS.

Petrograd, via London, Jan. 1.—The Novoe Vremya's Helsingfors correspondent says that at the recent conference at Malmö between the Scandinavian kings, it was decided to assign warships to convoy all Scandinavian merchantmen in order to prevent their detention by belligerents.

BUILDING RECORD OF THE CITY

New Buildings During Year Valued at Over Hundred Thousand Dollars—Ten Thousand Feet New Water Main.

Although considered a quiet year, there has been considerable work done during the past twelve months by the Corporation and in addition several big projects are underway and which will be completed early in the new year.

During the past year the value of building permits issued from the office of the City Engineer totalled over one hundred thousand dollars among the large buildings erected during the year being the Bank of Commerce, Young's Block, Hoggan's Block and the Nicholson Block.

The permits by months were as follows:

January	\$49,000
February	2,000
March	42,390
April	24,630
May	8,400
June	3,745
July	10,700
August	3,700
September	2,390
October	3,150
December	2,725

Grand Total\$114,690

During the year ninety water services were put in and 14 additional fire hydrants installed. Nearly ten thousand feet of new water mains were also laid, as follows:

4933 feet on Haliburton St. from Crace to Robins.
500 feet on Nicol St. from Finlayson to Crace.
300 feet on Needham St. from Haliburton to Nicol.
883 feet from Prideaux St. to Wentworth to Fitzwilliam St.
600 feet on Pine from Bruce Ave. to Franklin.
815 feet on Crace from Haliburton to Irwin.
565 feet on Irwin St. from Crace to Finlayson.
340 feet on Finlayson St. from Haliburton to Nicol.
380 feet on Macleary from Victoria to E. & N. Ry.
336 feet on Robins from Haliburton to Nicol.
340 feet on Fairquhar St. from Haliburton to Nicol.

In the list published in these columns on Dec. 20 of donations to the Canadian Patriotic Fund, a donation of \$10.00 from Court Sherwood, A.O.F. was inadvertently omitted.

LOCAL RETURNS FOR THE YEAR

Customs and Inland Revenue Collections For Nanaimo During the Past Year Were Good Despite General Conditions.

In common with the rest of the country the local Customs Office showed a falling off in receipts during the year which closed yesterday. Despite conditions, however, the Nanaimo office gave a good account of itself, the collections for the twelve months of the year being as follows:

January	\$10,519.70
February	8,402.57
March	10,669.49
April	10,696.21
May	10,491.66
June	11,829.44
July	11,622.49
August	9,293.39
September	7,370.42
October	7,762.48
November	5,699.06
December	10,708.80

The collections for each sub port in the district during December was as follows:

Nanaimo	\$3275.85
Alberni	29.33
Chemainus	42.24
Comox	18.10
Courtenay	30.21
Sumasland	428.55
Duncan Station	473.27
Ladysmith	1165.27
Port Alberni	117.70
Union Bay	27.28

INLAND REVENUE

The local Inland Revenue returns for the month of December, 1914 are as follows:

Malt, \$131.77; spirits, \$572.34; raw leaf tobacco and cigars, \$321.12; total \$2725.43.

For the twelve months of the year 1914 the local returns were as follows:

January	\$1642.11
February	1385.15
March	2425.72
April	1916.26
May	1303.49
June	2065.13
July	1193.87
August	1161.06
September	1542.05
October	755.48
November	1010.93
December	2636.53

BELGIAN RELIEF.

New York, Dec. 31.—The steamship Massapequa was despatched from the port to Rotterdam today by the Rockefeller Foundation with 2,500 tons of food and clothing for the Belgian war sufferers. The foundation has now spent more than \$1,000,000 on ships and cargoes for Belgian relief it is stated.

This is the second voyage of the Massapequa, which was the first of the Belgian relief ships to leave this country. On the present trip the steamer carries a cargo made up of donations received from all over the United States in response to the joint appeal of the foundation and the Belgian relief committee.

AMERICAN PROTEST IS MADE PUBLIC

London, Dec. 31.—The British Foreign Office, in agreement with the American government, issued tonight a statement concerning delays to American commerce due to search of vessels by the British fleet. It was issued through the official press bureau.

The public has regarded the note as a diplomatic document of probably greater importance of any incidental to the war. The first comment on it in the newspaper office tonight, however, was that the note was less specific in stating the American complaints than had been expected.

It had been generally assumed that it contained details of various causes on which complaints were based. The American protest continues to be the foremost feature in the European press. The British foreign secretary and Ambassador Page had a conference concerning it today. It is understood that Great Britain will make a reply to the note in a few days, probably next week.

Skating this afternoon from 2.30 to 5 and this evening from 7.30 to 10.