

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 2, 1914

# No Social Amenities for Our Soldiers In Camp at Valcartier

VALCARTIER CAMP, Que., Sept. 1.—"If mother could only see her hero now!" called out a member of the 8th Highlanders in camp here to a comrade.

The hero did not raise his head. His dirk was out and he was intent on his work. No; he wasn't cutting the Kaiser's stomach, or any other similar feat of arms. With the sleeves of his grey flannel shirt tucked up and with his kit covered with a piece of sackcloth, he was, in camp vernacular, skinning spuds.

**Just Common Life**

This camp is opening the eyes of many to the unpleasant fact that war is not altogether a matter of charging up hill with a hurrah, or sticking gamely through an exhausting march. An army is a community as well as a fighting machine, and like most communities it requires cooks and waiters. And every man in the ranks has to take his turn to these occupations—"fatigues," as they are called.

**Work on Time**

The general manager of the regimental protem, the orderly officer of the day, sees to it that his assistants orderly corporals, get their gangs of mess orderlies and tent orderlies, cooks assistants and quartermasters, fatigue men at work on time.

While the grey mists of morning still hang low over the tents parties from each regiment mounted motor trucks and rode away to the railway siding to unload stores. The first was boxes of boots and clothing. Office workers and students filled their hands full of splinters, while tough skinned comrades from rural regiments jeered unsympathetically.

**Beef and Biscuits**

After boxes came sides of beef. The greasy fat beef completed the ruin of the city suits of a number, who had come to camp without uniforms. The fat men climbed on top, and all rode back to camp. Meanwhile the rest of the regiment was miles away, marching and shooting. The fatigue improved the shining hour by walking up the road to a little house where hot meals are served to hungry soldiers on real tables and real table cloths.

**Welcome Relief**

The cooks' assistants, usually five or six in number, spend their mornings peeling potatoes and their afternoons in cleaning out the pans. Men tired from hard marching welcome a change to kitchen duty.

**"Twist the Coin"**

The Bank of Montreal will lend the city of Montreal \$6,000,000 to enable permanent work now in course of construction to be continued.



no danger to peaceful ves-

lines being planted now in the sea are obviously not of the type. They are in the open sea, from any base of operations controlled. They are there for action, and unfortunately no power of discrimination will go off under a friendly ship quickly as under the vessel of an enemy.

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# "The Soul of London"

From an Article by Harold Begbie, in London Chronicle

I found the soul of London near Nelson's tomb in the crypt of St. Paul's. An old woman rose slowly to her feet, after a silent prayer for her son, who is in a British warship in the North Sea.

"I ain't goin' to cry," she muttered. "I ain't goin' to cry, I'm goin' to hold myself in, like 'e begged me to."

She hobbled away to the door of the great cathedral and looked out on marching soldiers, and heard the news lads shrieking out a tale of a naval disaster. But she "held herself in." She stood for London. Her look of calm resignation, reflected our great city's spirit.

**Keeping the Camp Clean**

The tent orderlies are the housemaids of the camp. They have to go over all the ground around the tents and pick up every scrap of paper and rubbish.

**The Ban on Liquor**

Men passing along the main road of the camp from the station Monday night had a vivid object lesson in what discipline means. Stretched on the ground, cursing thickly, lay a dark object. Early in the evening this man in uniform had come into the lines wickily drunk, showing a whitey bottle. When an officer stepped up to question him, the man kicked him. Five minutes later he was "pegged out" to cool off.

**KELVIN**

[From Our Own Correspondent]

The wet weather has been a drawback for the farmers in getting their oats drawn in. However they are nearly all through.

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ago may be seen in khaki and puttees, driving a lumbering dray, that is packed with foodstuffs for the Territorials.

All strange. But London has stopped gazing. She goes about her business as usual. Women are quietly weeping against the railings of a big barracks. One carries a baby. A soldier comes out in fighting kit. If he doesn't laugh he would cry. He chuckles a baby under the chin and tells his wife that she will be "as right as rain."

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(Morning Post)

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# THE FORCES FROM WHICH CANADA WILL DRAW HER CONTINGENT

(Canadian Gazette.)

The Canadian military system is framed primarily for home defence, and no man is liable for service outside of his own country. Under the provisions of the Canadian Militia Act of 1904 every Canadian between the ages of 18 and 60 is liable to military service, but the service is in practice voluntary.

**THREE MISSING**

TORONTO, Sept. 1.—Frank Kelly, Allan, Frank Scott and another man who went out in a sail boat on the lake on August 24, have not been heard from and fears are entertained here that they have been lost. James Kelly, 74 Markham street, father of Frank Kelly, says he has no reason to think the men enlisted or went west on a harvest excursion or were anxious to get away from the city.

**MOVING ON ANTWERP**

LONDON, Sept. 2.—The Ostend correspondent of the Reuter Telegram Company reports that an extensive movement of German troops towards the north has been seen from Brussels. It is believed the Germans are going to Antwerp, where an investment and bombardment are expected.

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Patty's plans were all made. She was out of her pew before the Wilsons could possibly leave theirs and in her progress down the aisle securely annexed her old admirer, old Dr. Perry, as well as his son, Phillip. Passing the singing seats she picked up the humble Cephas and carried him along in her wake, chatting and talking with her little party while her father was at the horse sheds making ready to go home between services, as was his habit a cold bite being always set out on the kitchen table according to his orders.

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in the course of time had it not been for the sudden appearance of the stranger in the Wilson pew. The moment that Patty's gaze fell upon that fashionably dressed, instantaneously disliked girl, Marquis Wilson's stock rose twenty points in the market. She ceased in a jiffy to weigh and consider and criticise the young man, but regarded him with wholly new eyes. His figure was better than she had realized, his smile more interesting, his manners more attractive, his eyelashes longer; in a word, he had suddenly grown desirable. A month ago she could have observed with idle and alien curiosity the spectacle of his thumb drawing nearer to another (female) thumb on the page of the "Watts and Select Hymn Book." Now, at the morning service, she had wished nothing so much as to put Mark's thumb back into his pocket where it belonged and slap the girl's thumb smartly and soundly as it deserved.

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