

Germany Forbids All Imports of Luxuries
French and Hun Versions of Verdun Fight
Great Loss of Steamers During Week-end

CAPTAIN SMITH OF THE INDIAN RESERVE, NOW HOME FROM THE FRONT

Short Notice Given But Quiet Civic Reception For Him Saturday Afternoon in Indian Office--His Friends and Relatives Present, and Were Proud and Pleased at Recognition He Received.

In spite of the fact that only very short notice was given, the reception accorded to Capt. Smith, son of Chief Smith of the Reserve, who returned from the front Saturday afternoon, was as unique and successful an event as Brantford has ever seen.

The soldier, not arriving Grand Trunk, it was ascertained that he was coming T.H. and B. at 4.15. The party proceeded to the station, and in a few minutes the train arrived with Captain Smith on board.

The little party was whirled to the Indian Office, where a few friends from the Reserve had gathered, and in one of the rooms was held an informal civic reception. Acting Mayor Dowling in the name of the city welcomed Captain Smith.

Ald. Minshall also extended his welcome. He and Captain Smith had worked together for years in the Brantford Carriage Co. and he knew what a fine man he was.

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CAUGHT BETWEEN TWO BARRING FIRES OVERWHELMED BY ARTILLERY FIRE, AND OUTNUMBERED; THE GERMANS REPULSED

Holding Strong Positions, the French Now Keep the Enemy at Bay - Berlin is Told Fort Douaumont is Reduced by Gun Fire to Utter Ruin.

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BRANDENBURG TROOPS STORMED DOUAUMONT AFTER GREAT GUN FIRE

Two Other Forts Also Have Fallen to Enemy is the Berlin Story - Correspondent of German Newspaper Tells the Story of the Attack.

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London, Feb. 28.—Ten steamers, all but one British, have been reported lost during the week-end. The total loss of life is so far unknown.

Some of the vessels were victims of mines and one was burned at sea. Following is the list: P. and O. liner Maloja, 12,500 tons, over forty lost; Wilson liner Dido, 4,769 tons; Pacific Empress of Canada Steamships, Limited; Birgit, seventeen saved; Mecklenberg, 2,888 tons; Suevler, 2,996 tons; Denaby, 2,987 tons; Tummel, 631 tons; and Trigant, 1,447 tons, twenty-six lost.

The steamship Maloja, a 12,431-ton vessel, belonging to the Peninsular and Oriental Line, struck a mine and sank within half an hour two miles off Dover on Saturday. More than forty persons were drowned or killed as a result of the accident.

The Maloja left Tilbury only Saturday for Bombay, with mails, 119 passengers of all classes aboard, and a crew number about 200, most of them Lascars.

The steamer had just passed Admiralty pier at Dover, and was opposite Shakespeare Cliff, when an explosion shook her from end to end.

Enough Time for Rescue. Aboard the Maloja everything possible was done to get the passengers and crew off.

Owing to the fact that Dover is under strict military law, it was possible to obtain only meagre details from those rescued. The Captain said that both passengers and crew behaved splendidly.

The passengers were for the most part British officials in the Indian service, the most prominent being Judge Oldfield of the Indian High Court.

Only one of the crew of the Empress of Fort William was drowned. THIRTY-THREE BODIES ARE LANDED.

Up to midnight the bodies landed from the Maloja include eighteen men, eleven women and four children, in addition to eleven Lascars. Among the dead are Mrs. MacLeod, wife of General MacLeod.

It was about 10.30 in the morning when the disaster occurred. The Maloja was steaming down the Channel, children playing on the deck and most of the passengers carrying life belts in their hands.

The captain and officers stuck to the ship to the last. Though all were saved, not one of them left the ship in the boats; they were all picked out of the water.

The Captain from the bridge directed the lowering of the boats and called on everybody to keep calm, and everybody kept calm wonderfully, for everybody kept calm wonderfully, for everybody kept calm wonderfully.

Nearly 200 Lives Lost

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London, Feb. 28.—Of the total complement of 411 passengers and crew on the Peninsular and Oriental Line Steamship Maloja, which struck a mine and sank within half an hour two miles off Dover yesterday, only 266 are known to have been saved.

Of the 119 passengers, 64 names of persons saved have been received at the steamship company's offices. It was stated there that it was hoped that more names of persons saved will still be received.

MORE EVIDENCES OF THE PINCH

Berlin, via London, Feb. 28.—The German Government has adopted a decree prohibiting the importation of commodities regarded as luxuries, which can be dispensed with in war time.

The prohibition includes cigars, tobaccos, liquors, champagne, pineapples, raisins, silks, silk clothing with lace trimmings, fans, caps, pictures, sculptures, jewelry, gold, silver, toys of various classes, machine tools and artistic iron wares.

A sum of \$8,355 has been received by the Slegness committee from the local government board on the first instalment from the Canadian Relief fund for seaside resorts on the east coast.

COURIER'S DAILY CARTOON



"But that's a totally different story to what you told me yesterday." "Yes, mum. You see you didn't believe that one."—London Mail.

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