

BRITAIN IS READY TO STRIKE

THOUSANDS GAVE GOD SPEED WHEN RESERVISTS LEFT

Touching Scenes Were Witnessed at Depot Last Night.

Gallant Men of Empire Have Answered the Call.

When war is near and dangers nigh, 'God and the soldier is our people's cry.'

Never in the annals of Brantford were such crowds or such a leave-taking as was witnessed in the Armories last night when the army reserve men recalled to their regiments paraded before leaving for the front at 8.19.

It was a scene that will live in memory. The single rank of stalwart, well-set-up fellows, guardsmen, artillerymen and plain infantrymen each of them realizing in a moment just what the call to arms meant.

This and time again the surging masses broke through to shake their hands and more than one hard eye glistened and voice grew husky as the good-byes were said.

Cheer after cheer rolled over them in the hall as Sergt-Major Oxtoby marched them to and fro to clear a space. The spirit of a thousand years of tradition gave itself to the voices and stirred the hearts of men who would never know such a call.

Here They Are

The following were the British Army Reservists who answered the call of their country last night:

- Pte. R. Cobden, 1st Coldstream Guards. Pte. Blanchard, Coldstream Guards. Pte. T. Barnes, Coldstream Guards.

- Pte. T. Scott, Scots Guards. Pte. I. Millar, Scots Guards. Gunner T. Robertson, R. F. Artillery.

- Sergt-Major Hardy, R. F. Artillery. Gunner James Mason, Royal Garrison Artillery. Gunner Howes, Royal Garrison Artillery.

- Gunner T. Robertson, Royal Garrison Artillery. Pte. J. Mason, Borderers Regt. Pte. W. Phillips, 1st Sussex Regt.

- Pte. T. Atkinson, 1st Sussex Regt. Pte. Parker, Worcester Regt. Pte. H. Williams, East Kent Regt.

- Pte. G. Carey, Royal Berkshire Regt. Pte. W. Ashton, Royal Sussex Regt. Pte. J. Pizzev, 2nd Essex Regt.

- Pte. P. King, Royal Fusiliers. Sapper Millar, Royal Engineers.

alacrity to obey that is superb they moved to the commands. 'Tall men on the right; short on the left' was the command and from P. C. Cobden, big, strapping, clean P. C. Cobden, coldstream Guards.

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Two German Cruisers Sunk At Hong Kong

(By Special Wire to The Courier)

SHANGHAI, China, Aug. 18.—Two German cruisers have been disabled and brought into Hong Kong. Confirmation of this fact was received here to-day.

CANADA IS READY TO DO HER DUTY PARLIAMENT MEETS

Measures to Assist the Empire and Provide for Unusual Conditions Arising From the War are to be Taken at Once.

(By Special Wire to The Courier)

OTTAWA, Ont., Aug. 18.—With the opening of parliament this afternoon at 3 o'clock, by the Governor-General, the Duke of Connaught, steps will be taken to give legislative sanction to the military measures the government has taken to assist Great Britain in the present emergency arising out of the European war.

All the members of the House of Commons and Senate who can attend, have reached the city and

were in their offices and the committee rooms this morning, the one topic of discussion being the war. Canada's part in it has its effect upon the locality for the various representatives.

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BRITAIN'S FINEST TROOPS ARE ON THE CONTINENT AT WORK BESIDE THE ALLIED FORCES

Families of Soldiers Will Be Looked After By Brantford City

Wives or others dependent upon the Reservists who left Brantford for the front last evening are requested to call at the Armories between the hours of 3 and 5 p.m.

Mayor Spence yesterday afternoon held a conference at the Armories with reference to what steps had best be taken to give effect to the general desire that the wives and families and dependents of those who have gone or are going to the front be properly looked after.

The Mayor explained that he had called the meeting as a prelude to a larger one to be held on Wednesday afternoon. It was felt, that all the municipal local work possible should be started in order to help relieve the unemployed.

Colonel Howard reported there were 36 married men among those accepted for the front. He undertook to get the information as to the number of dependents who would need looking after during the absence of the bread-winners.

Dr. Ashton urged the establishment of a free medical dispensary. The matter of insurance for the men came up, but was adjourned with others for consideration at to-morrow's meeting.

MERCHANTS WILL HELP

A representative meeting of the merchants of the city was held this morning at the Expositor office to discuss ways and means of aiding the poor of the city and the families of soldiers who may be in want. It was decided to put on a patriotic day some time this month, when a general sale of merchandise will be held, when all the merchants, theatres, hotels, bakers, etc., will be asked to give 5 per cent. of the cash sales to a patriotic fund.

her frontier to enforce her neutrality should occasion arise. A rigorous censorship on all news of the British army and navy is in force.

Late Wires

President Wilson has addressed a statement to the American people urging them to a strict observance of that speech and conduct which will best safeguard the nation against distress and disaster.

By special arrangement with the post office department there will henceforward be an Atlantic mail service each Wednesday and Saturday, both from New York and Liverpool by steamers flying the American flag.

No authentic news has come to hand to-day concerning the reported French advance into Alsac Lorraine in the direction of Strasbourg.

Holland is reported as continuing elaborate preparations along

Most Important Revelation of the Day From War Office.

Big Battle May En-sue at any Time as Armies Clash

(By Special Wire to The Courier.)

LONDON, Aug. 17.—(Midnight)—(delayed by censor)—The most important revelation of the day has been that of the landing of a British expeditionary army on the shores of France. Everybody in England has known for two weeks that a large army was crossing the channel.

The great canvas camps at the military stations in England were definitely that the flotilla of transports, conveying the troops had finished the overseas movement under the escort of strong squadrons of warships.

The transportation of the soldiers lasted several days and during that time not a mention of the expedition was permitted to the newspapers here. Even now the strength of the expedition, the names of the regiments composing the contingents and the ports where they landed are not allowed to be made public.

It is known, however, that a large proportion of the best troops of the British army are now on continental soil. The reception of the British soldiers everywhere in France was enthusiastic. The officers and men of the two armies fraternized warmly.

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WARLIKE SCENES AT PLYMOUTH WERE NOTED

(By Special Wire to The Courier)

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—Details of the assembling, embarkation and size of the British military forces at Plymouth for the scene of hostilities in Belgium and France, facts which the English censors have jealously guarded from cable messages to this country, were related to-day by passengers who arrived to-day by passengers from Amsterdam yesterday.

While in Plymouth, the passengers noted the activity of the British army authorities and estimated that from

August 5th, when the concentration of the forces began, until August 9, when the Nieuw Amsterdam sailed from the port, that fully 120,000 men had been assembled. It was supposed that the greater part of this force was taken across the English channel to France aboard the coastwise vessels and army transports then lying in the harbor. The troops, according to these passengers, were going aboard the transports Aug. 8, and on the following day the advance guard of the cavalry began to arrive in the city together with many train loads of supplies and hospital equipment, including 700 large motor buses.

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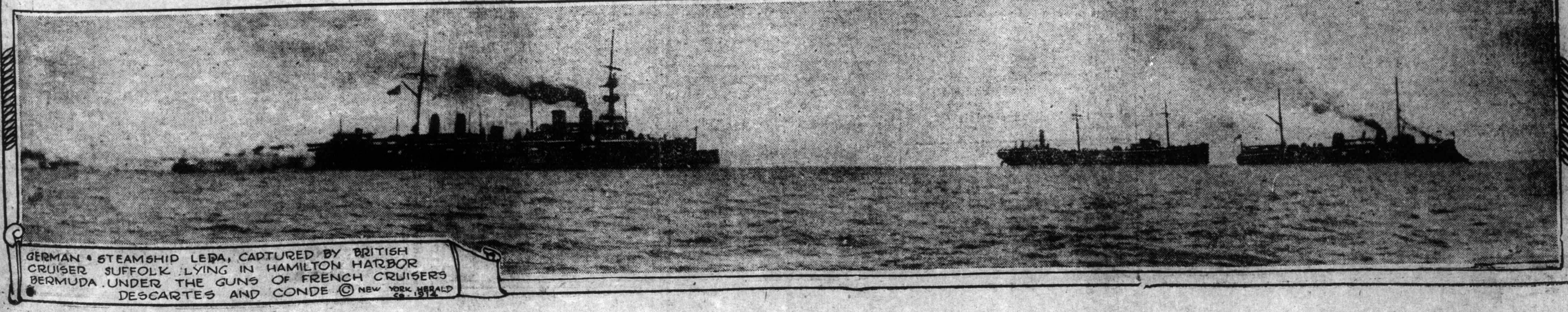
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AMERICAN LADY SAW A REAL AERO BATTLE

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—Mrs. M. E. Harris West of Montgomery, Ala., a passenger on the Nieuw Amsterdam, which arrived from Rotterdam last night, told of having witnessed a fight in the air near Elten, Belgium.

The soldiers told us that several of the aeroplanes were French and that their pilots probably were on a reconnoitering expedition.

FIRST PRIZE OF WAR—GERMAN STEAMSHIP, CAPTURED BY BRITISH CRUISER, LYING UNDER FRENCH GUNS IN BERMUDA HARBOR.



GERMAN STEAMSHIP LEDA, CAPTURED BY BRITISH CRUISER SUFFOLK LYING IN HAMILTON HARBOR BERMUDA UNDER THE GUNS OF FRENCH CRUISERS DESCARTES AND CONDE













