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P. E. ISLAND HEROES WHO FOUGHT AND BLED FOR FREEDOM WELCOMED HOME

Memorable Demonstration Last Night in Charlottetown in Honor of the First Large Quota to Return Since Hostilities Ceased.

The first large number of P. E. Island boys to come home from the battlefields of Europe since the close of hostilities arrived last night.

The news of their coming had become generally known in Charlottetown and there was a great turnout of citizens to meet and greet the gallant lads who had so nobly done their part in bringing about such a great and glorious victory.

The returned men who arrived on the Island last night numbered over fifty, by long odds the largest quota yet. The names of those who came were:

- C.S.M.J. T. Bishop, Mt. Buchannan Corp. Joseph Trainor, Ch'town Jack Fairchild, Georgetown John McDonald, St. Catharines J. E. Bernard, Tignish R. J. Clow, Summerside L. Crawford, King St. City. J. S. Gallant, Summerside. J. J. Horne, Souris. W. J. Johnson, Douglas St. City. N. Madore, Souris. D. J. McDonald, Souris. W. A. McDonald, Glen William. J. W. Wedge, Ebbesfeet. J. E. Yeo, Lot 16. Joseph B. Gallant, Charlottetown. Joseph Gauthier, Charlottetown. G. H. Crosby, Charlottetown. G. H. Kiely, Charlottetown. John McFarlane, Charlottetown. George Burge, Miscouche. Harold E. O'Risher, Souris. C. R. Cretear, Kensington. John Doyle, Charlottetown. Frank Finnigan, Lake Verd Harold Renaghan, Charlottetown. George T. Stewart, Charlottetown. G. R. Beer, Charlottetown. N. DeBlais, Charlottetown. Fred Moore, Charlottetown. D. McDonald, Clermont. Donald Stewart, Summerside. John Stewart, Charlottetown. Donald Tierney, Souris. Wm. H. Gudmers, Charlottetown. F. A. Horne, Alberton. Stanley Wedge, Summerside. Willard McFadyen, Charlottetown. Ivan A. McKinnon, Charlottetown R. J. McDonald, Souris West. J. A. McEachern, Summerside James Carver, Peters Road. Geo. Melnie, Charlottetown Norman Riley, St. Peter's W. A. McDonald Willard Jordan, Murray Harbor William C. McDonald James Robertson, St. Timothy. D. G. McCallum, Lower Bedouque. E. E. Davy, Charlottetown.

It will always live in the minds of the home-comers and the loved ones who had spent long and anxious days and nights praying that the glad time should soon come.

The boys (a large number of them) were escorted to barouches and autos in waiting and conveyed to the Great Veterans Hall on Queen Street to the music of the bands and between them there was certainly as the old verse has it "music in the air—you could hear it everywhere."

At the G. W. V. A. Hall the returned men were most cordially welcomed by the Ladies Auxillary of the G. W. V. A., and their comrades who had preceded them in reaching the homeland and were treated to a luncheon of hot coffee, cake and sandwiches which they seemed to greatly enjoy.

Many hearty handshakes were exchanged among the veterans and the occasion was one which will never be forgotten by them.

During their stay in the city the returned men will be guests of the Province. After the boys had completed their luncheon His Worship the Mayor in a few words expressed the appreciation of the city for the magnificent work of the boys "over there." It was a work which he said could not be paid for by cheers alone and he hoped that the authorities backed up by the people would show some tangible expression of their gratitude.

But for what the boys had so bravely accomplished such a reception as accorded them would have been impossible. He warmly thanked the Ladies Aid of the G. W. V. A. for their part in making their home-coming such a pleasant one.

Premier Arsenault prefaced a few appropriate words of welcome by a call for three hearty cheers for the boys which were given with a vim. He told them that during their stay in the capital they would be the guests of the Government. He hoped with the co-operation of the Government and city to see the boys give a fair start, but for this he also called to all the citizens to do their share.

Rev. Dr. Fullerton congratulated the boys upon their safe return and assured them that this was no mere sentiment from the teeth out, but was an indication of the willingness of all to make their future bright and prosperous. The speaker also referred to the happiness of the surroundings brought about by the excellent work of the ladies.

Ex-Mayor Brown said it gave him extreme pleasure to welcome the boys home as he had already done having met them in company with Rey. Maurice McDonald at Sackville as the representative of the Knights of Columbus Hut Fund. Mr. Brown closed his remarks by wishing the boys a Merry Christmas.

Corp. P. A. Hughes of the Pension Office fittingly responded on behalf of the returned men.

Ex-Governor McKinnon also spoke briefly referring to the new consular agent here and the boon it would prove to those requiring to go to such an institution.

The band then played the National Anthem and the gathering broke up, the returned men being again greeted with resounding cheers from the great throng outside as they appeared on the street once more.

NOTES

Cpl. Peter M. Hughes, Pensions Secretary, on behalf of the Provincial Government met the returning soldiers at Emerald in order to make arrangements with those of them who were remaining in the city overnight and to instruct them as to arrangements made in their behalf.

It is understood that these returned men have all to report back to Charlottetown. It has been suggested that it would be well to have arrangements made for them to remain in Charlottetown instead. Arrangements for the reception and entertainment, band, etc. were made

BLIND CANADIAN SOLDIERS VISITED

During Visit of Canadian Mission a Petition Was Presented to Sir Robert Borden Asking for Unconditional Grant of 320 Acres for Blinded Soldiers Also Free Transportation on Government Railways.

(Special To The Guardian)

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The Canadian Mission attended St. Dunstan's Institution for the Blind yesterday and met the blind Canadians, some thirty in all. A petition was presented to the Premier asking that the government give to each one of the blinded Canadian officers or men 320 acres of homestead land without stipulation that it must be personally cultivated and suggesting the method by which the land can be located for them by proxy.

Lieut. Hitchings, who spoke supporting the petition, pointed out also that in Australia blinded soldiers had been given free permanent transportation over government railways. Sir Robert Borden made a sympathetic reply and promised careful consideration of the requests. It is estimated that there are only about eighty cases of total blindness in the Canadian army. Sir Arthur Pearson, head of St. Dunstan's goes to Ottawa next week.

INTERNATIONAL UNION TO MEET WAR EXPENSES

Proposition to Distribute Cost of War Between the Nations on Basis of Population and Power to Contribute.

(Special to the Guardian)

PARIS, Dec. 16.—The French Government is considering with a probability of presenting before the Chamber of Deputies on Dec. 24th a bill proposed by deputy Jacques for establishing among the Allies an international financial union.

to distribute the expense of the war between nations on the basis of population and power to contribute. The proposition is supported by one hundred delegates of all parties. It is understood that a similar plan is under consideration by the British Government but no definite steps have as yet been taken in London.

WHAT "OCCUPATION" MEANS TO GERMANS

(Special To The Guardian)

COLOGNE, Dec. 16.—Cologne on Thursday came under rigid martial law for the first time since the British troops arrived here and the troops have now begun to realize what formal occupation is going to mean. On the inside of the door leading into every house must be posted a list of oc-

cupants containing information regarding their age, occupations and other matters. No person may change his or her residence without permission and every inhabitant twelve years of age or over must have an identification card. Daily crowds have been gathering outside the shops of photographers waiting to get the pictures which must be placed on the cards.

by the Premier, the Mayor, and a committee representing the Rotary Club, Merchants Association and Board of Trade.

It was good to hear the band play that favorite old-timer, "When Johnny Comes Marching Home Again, Hurrah! Hurrah!" It had the right sound.

AMONG THE RETURNED

Corporal Joseph Trainor, son of Mr. James Trainor, city is one of the ablest looking young officers to leave here. He was warmly welcomed by his many friends. He left here with the 105th and took part in much heavy fighting, notably Passchendaele and Hill 70. He was wounded in Nov. 1917 in the stomach and leg.

Co. Sgt. J. T. Bishop of Mt. Buchannan a member of the "Fighting 26th," went across in Nov. 1914 and was in the heavy battle of Ypres and other fights. In July, 1916, he was wounded in the leg.

Gr. Noel DeBlais also among the returned men is a brother of Mr. George De Blais, of this city. He enlisted in the 8th Siege Battery, was gassed and shell-shocked, but barring a slight deafness, has recovered from the effects.

Gr. H. Croucher, Souris, who returned is another 105th man. He was a year and a half in France and was at Hill 70 with the 26th. Appendicitis put him out of the fighting game.

Gr. D. Tierney of Souris, was in the fighting but was knocked out by gas. Pte. Wm. McDonald of Glen William another 105th man fought with the 26th and was wounded at Passchendaele by shell and gunshot. Pte. Jack Fairchild of Georgetown is but a boy yet. He enlisted in the

DEMobilIZATION WORK FOR ALL CANADIANS

Said Major-General Mewburn Addressing Canadian Club

Special to the Guardian

TORONTO, Dec. 16.—Not only the military department but the whole people of Canada must help in the work of demobilization, said Major General the Hon. S. C. Mewburn, in his address at the Canadian Club today. General Mewburn spoke of the war effort of Canada from 1914 until its close at the last battle of Mons and called on his audience to help him in understanding the mentality of the returned man which must necessarily be different from what it was before he went overseas.

King George Invites President Wilson

(Special To The Guardian)

LONDON, Dec. 16.—President Wilson has accepted an invitation from King George to England and it is expected he will stop here on his way home. The British officials have been awaiting the arrival of Ambassador Davis before making any arrangements for the entertainment of the President.

Austria's ex-King Nowhere To Go

(Special to the Guardian)

MUNICH, Dec. 16.—Switzerland, it is understood here, had declined to permit former King Charles of Austria Hungary to reside in Switzerland. The Swiss government is said to have cited the experience of Holland with former Emperor William as part of the ground for its refusal.

Announcing Names Of Coming Officers

(Special To The Guardian)

OTTAWA, Dec. 16.—The names of officers returning to Canada are being sent to the newspapers in their respective districts but names of non-commissioned officers and privates are not being sent but will be obtainable from the headquarters of their several districts.

Erzeberger is Squealing Again

(Special To The Guardian)

LONDON, Dec. 16.—According to despatches received today from Amsterdam and other cities, Mathias Erzeberger, the leader of the German armistice has again complained of the severity of the armistice terms. He asks for the raising of the blockade, the liberation of prisoners of war and the immediate opening of the peace conference. Marshal Foch, it is said, has refused to recognize the Soldiers and Workmen's councils.

Portugal's President Was Assassinated

(Special To The Guardian)

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Dr. Sidonio Pass, President of Portugal, was shot and killed by an assassin shortly before midnight Saturday while he was in a railway station at Lisbon waiting for a train to Oporto.

Advices from Lisbon reporting the assassination say that he was struck by three bullets. The President's assailant, named Jettine, was killed by the crowd. President Pass died within a few minutes after he was shot. Tamagnil Barthosia, the Minister of the Interior has assumed the Presidency.

11,400 Persons Sentenced to Death

(Special To The Guardian)

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 16.—The supreme military tribunal at Vienna has announced that 11,400 persons were sentenced to death by Austrian military tribunals during the war and executed according to a Berlin despatch to the Handobladt.

GERMAN SHIPS WILL BE UTILIZED

By Allies to Supply Germans with Foodstuffs. Ships to Remain Property of Germans. Allies May Occupy More German Territory Pending Peace.

(Special To The Guardian)

PARIS, Dec. 16.—Marshal Foch has announced in behalf of Hebert C. Hoover, the American food administrator, that 2,500,000 tons of cargo space lying in German harbors must be placed under the control of the Allies to supply Germany with food stuffs. The ships are to remain German property. The following con-

ditions will be added to the agreement of November 11th, the Allied High command reserves the right to begin meanwhile, if it thinks it wise in order to assume new guarantees, to occupy the neutral zone on the right bank of the Rhine to the north of the bridge head of Cologne up to the Dutch frontier. This occupation will be announced by the Allied High command by giving six days notice.

HOLLAND SPEEDS HER PARTING GUEST

But Her Guest, the ex-Kaiser, Refuses to Depart Although Told His Departure Would be Matter Of Gratification.

(Special to the Guardian)

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 16.—William Hohenzollern, the former German Emperor, the Telegraph says it understands, has refused to leave Holland after official presentation had

been made that his continued presence in Holland was likely to embarrass the country in serious difficulties. The former Emperor, the paper adds was told that his free departure would be a matter of gratification to the Dutch Government.

Zeppelin Factory Destroyed by Fire

(Special to the Guardian)

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 16.—The great zeppelin factory at Friedrichshaven has been destroyed by fire, probably of incendiary origin, according to a despatch.

Hon. A. K. McLean in Charge Of Social Service Bonuses

(Special to the Guardian)

OTTAWA, ONT., Dec. 16.—It was officially announced this evening that Hon. A. K. McLean has been selected by the government to deal with the matter of Civil Service bonuses. The Order-in-Council granting the bonus provided for the appointment of a Cabinet Minister to have special charge of the administration.

Gen. Smuts Resigns From War Cabinet

(Special to the Guardian)

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Lieut. Gen. Jan. Christian Smuts has resigned as member of the war cabinet on the ground that the end of the war has terminated the need of his services, according to the Express.

Russia Asks For Allied Protection

(Special to the Guardian)

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 16.—Paul Miliukoff, Foreign Minister in the first Russian cabinet of the revolution, has arrived here with other conventional Democrat leaders, social democrats from Odessa to request permission of the Allied command to proceed to Paris for the purpose of urging that an Allied army be sent into Russia by way of the Black Sea.

Canadian Soldiers' Sentence Remitted

(Special to the Guardian)

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The Home Secretary has remitted the flogging sentences recently passed on two Canadian soldiers Swacon and Cable for violent robbery.

Americans Guard German Material

(Special to the Guardian)

COBLENZ, Dec. 15.—Thousands of parts of big German guns are being guarded by American troops here awaiting their formal transfer to the army of occupation by the Germans. Coblenz has been one of the German army's principal assembling points for heavy artillery. In addition hundreds of motor trucks, vast quantities of ammunition and other materials have been assembled here. American soldiers are also guarding 1,400 army wagons which were to be turned over under the terms of the armistice.

Poland Severs Relations With Germany

(Special to the Guardian)

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 16.—Poland has severed relations with Germany, according to a telegram received in Berlin from Warsaw.

Poland has reason for the rupture on account of German authorities in occupied provinces acting contrary to her policy and interests and working with the Bolsheviks. At the request of the Polish Government Governor General Von Bessler and the Andre staff of the German mission will leave the territory of the Polish Republic.

THE WEATHER TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

TORONTO, Dec. 17.—Fair, lower temperature. Tide will be high this morning at 10.28 and tomorrow at 11.24; tonight at 8.37 and tomorrow at 10.30. Sun sets this afternoon and tomorrow at 4.42; rises tomorrow morning and Wednesday at 7.46. Moon rises this evening at 5. First quarter of moon Tuesday, Dec. 10th 9.31 p. m. Full moon Tuesday Dec. 17th 2.18 p. m.

CONDENSED SPECIALS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

- **The Trvon Baptist Church will hold their annual business meeting on Dec. 19th at 2 p. m. 2999-12-14M21pd. **METHODIST CHURCH Covehead, will hold their Sunday School entertainment Dec. 30. Everyone is cordially invited. 2977-12-14M31pd. **THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Three Rivers Silver Shack Fox Co. will be held in the office of Mr. Gregor & McMillan, Montague, P. E. I. on Friday, Dec. 20th at 8 o'clock p. m. D. J. Stewart, Secy. Trvon. 3010-12-14 M31pd.