

MEN OF PAY CORPS LAVISHLY ENTERTAINED

Brigadier Ross, Entertained 3,000 Men of the Corps Their Wives and Children to Christmas Concert and Christmas Tree in Recognition of Good Work Done.

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, Dec. 21.—Brigadier James Ross, Paymaster General and officers of the pay corps, entertained 3,000 men of the corps with their wives and children to a Christmas concert and dance tonight in recognition of their good work in the past year and also to signalize the close of war work in England and France. Brigadier McDougall of the Foresters provided a mammoth Christmas tree loaded with toys. The Canadian military choir assisted in the musical program. Fancy dresses were judged by Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Regant.

GIGANTIC AIRSHIP NOW BEING PLANNED

Carry Capacity of 200 Tons and Speed of 95 Miles an Hour, Fitted Luxuriously for Passenger Traffic.

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Times announces, on authority of its special correspondent, that a British airship has made a cruise of 61 hours without a stop. It is no longer a secret that the Germans owed their escape out of Jutland to a Zeppelin. Zeppelins also enabled the Flottilla which bombarded Scarborough. An airship already has been planned the gas capacity of which will be 10,000,000 cubic feet, four times greater than the biggest German Zeppelin. The length of the new airship will be 11,000 feet and its speed 95 miles an hour with a cruising range of 20,000 miles, able to lift a weight of 200 tons and containing saloons, drawing room, smoking room, roof garden and an elevator.

No Germans to Land in Straits Settlements

(Special to The Guardian)
SINGAPORE, Straits Settlements, Dec. 21.—At a great public meeting here of British subjects of all classes it was unanimously resolved that representations be made to the Government that no Germans should be allowed to land or reside in or trade with the Straits Settlements and Malay states for at least ten years after peace.

6,000,000 Victims Of Influenza

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, Dec. 20.—The Times correspondent says that it seems reasonable to believe that about six million persons perished from influenza and pneumonia during the past twelve weeks.

Germans Talk of New Line

(Special to The Guardian)
PARIS, Dec. 20.—Field Marshal Von Hindenburg has telegraphed the Berlin Government advising it of his intention to form a new front six miles behind the neutral line fixed by the armistice, according to a despatch to Le Journal from Zurich. The Government has asked the Field Marshal for an explanation, adds the despatch, but has not yet received a reply. It is also announced that two thirds of the active army will be sent to Frankfurt on the Maine at an early date.

Total German Dead Will Be 2,000,000

(Special to The Guardian)
NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—When the total German casualties are published the number of deaths will be about two million, according to the Cologne Gazette of November 25th, a copy of which has been received here.

Estimated Amounts Of French Losses

(Special to The Guardian)
PARIS, Dec. 20.—Deputy Louis Dubois in the Chamber of Deputies during a discussion of a bill dealing with reconstruction and war damages said that the estimated value of French houses destroyed was placed at 20,000,000,000 francs; furniture at 5,000,000,000; agricultural losses at least ten billion; mines at least twenty billion and railroads nine billion and a half. The Deputy claimed that these losses should have priority.

THE WEATHER TEMPERATURE. TIDE. MOON. ETC.

TORONTO, Dec. 23.—Mild and fair. Tide will be high this afternoon at 3.01 and tomorrow at 3.38; tomorrow morning at 3.17 and Wednesday at 3.42. Sun sets this afternoon at 4.44 and tomorrow at 4.45; rises tomorrow morning and Wednesday at 7.49. Moon rises this evening at 11.25. Full moon, Tuesday, Dec. 17th, 2.15 p. m. Last quarter moon, Wednesday Dec. 25th 1.31 p. m. Length of today and tomorrow eight hours 56 minutes.

THE BRITISH FLEET TO TOUR DOMINIONS

Under Command of Admiral Beatty will Visit United States and Afterwards Make a Tour of British Dominions.

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, Dec. 21.—It is reported that the Admiralty views favorably the suggestion that a large part of the British fleet commanded by Admiral Sir David Beatty should visit the United States. It is asserted, however, that no date for the visit has been fixed but it is understood that it will be immediately after peace has been signed. Subsequently the fleet will make a tour of the British Dominions. The war cabinet and the Admiral Viscount Jellicoe, former Chief of the Naval Staff shall visit the Dominions and India in February.

SOLDIERS' RETIRING ALLOWANCE DOUBLED

Time in Which They are to be Carried on Pay Lists and Their Post Discharge Pay Both Doubled.

(Special to The Guardian)
OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—The new order-in-council in relation to post-discharge pay of returned soldiers, not only doubles the time in which they are to be carried on the pay lists, but also doubles the rate of pay. By the provision of the new regulation a private for instance, will receive a minimum of \$63 a month if he is single, or \$98 a month if he is married. Other ranks will be paid proportionately. Heretofore the rate has been 1.10 per day for three months instead of six months. It will apply to men discharged after Nov. 11th and is designed to help them to carry on pending absorption into civil life. The announcement is made that all Canadian officers whose acting rank has been conferred to, up and including first November will retain this rank not only up to demobilization but that they will go on reserve of officers as such. When, say, a Captain at the front was wounded, a Lieut. immediately took over his work and thereupon was accorded the title of Captain with a Captain's pay. Unless the wounded officer whose place he had taken came back to his unit, within a certain period the acting Captain carried on, often confirmed in the rank shortly afterwards.

SOLDIERS GIVEN HEARTY WELCOME

There was a great gathering of citizens at the railway depot on Saturday night to meet the large number of overseas men who arrived that day. A total of 49 came over by the car ferry steamer, a large proportion of whom proceeded west. The easterners who came through to Charlottetown were accorded an enthusiastic welcome being loudly cheered as they detrained. Better arrangements were made than the last time to prevent crowding and to give the relatives of the returned men an opportunity to first meet them, a guard of soldiers from the depot Battalion being on hand for the purpose and to act as a guard of honor as well. The returned men were conveyed in barouches and autos to the G. W. V. A. Hall on Queen Street to the music of the League of the Cross Band playing appropriate selections. They were cheered at various points along the route. At the hall they were treated to refreshments of coffee, cake, etc. and addresses of welcome were given by the Premier, the mayor, Hon. M. McKinnon and ex-mayor Brown (who had accompanied the boys from Sackville) and Corporal P. A. Hushes. After cheers for the King and the returned men the reception ended and the men dispersed, being again greeted with cheers as they appeared on the street. Among the soldiers who came and whose names were not forwarded by the list, which appeared in Saturday's Guardian were Sergt. Russel Davison of St. Peters and who lived for several years in Charlottetown and Sergt. Harry Boyce of Bonshaw. Sergt. Davison enlisted in the original No. 5 Siege Battery and has been in France for nearly three years. Before leaving here he was employed with the firm of Bruce Stewart & Co. as a bookkeeper in their ship-chandlery department. Sergt. Boyce also left with the

Probably More German Treachery

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, Dec. 22.—The German Government has accepted Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's plan to form a people's guard for the northern army, according to a Copenhagen despatch to Daily Mail. It is said the German army under this plan will be a stronger force than ever. All officers have received instructions to keep the details secret. Women will be employed for auxiliary services.

Eager to Welcome President Wilson

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, Dec. 20.—Newspapers here make extended comments on the impending visit of President Wilson to England. The Daily News expressed profound satisfaction over Mr. Wilson's plan and adds every section of the nation is eager for an opportunity to display admiration of the President's unflinching idealism and steadfastness of purpose.

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ROW OF GUNS CAPTURED BY CANADIANS

55,000 Canadians Will Arrive by January 31

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, Dec. 21.—Arrangements in hand ensure the return of 55,000 Canadians by the end of Jan. from various branches of the service both in France and England.

B.C. Soldiers to Return By Panama Canal

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, Dec. 21.—Headquarters informs the Canadian Press that the British Columbian troops will go home via the Panama Canal. Several thousand soldiers will therefore reach home without rail travel across Canada.

Soldiers and Workmen Want an Election

PARIS, Dec. 21.—The soldiers and Workmen's congress at Berlin has adopted a motion providing for the opening of negotiations with the Allies for the liberation of occupied territories in order to prepare for the holding of elections next month.

German Officials Out on Strike

(Special to The Guardian)
AMSTERDAM, Dec. 20.—All the leading officials of the German Foreign Office are on strike as the result of the Government's acceptance of the resignation of Dr. Solf, as Foreign Minister, according to the Rhenish Westphalian Gazette. None of the officials has appeared for duty in the past several days nor has any one reported himself ill. In their absence the routine work of the Foreign Office is being carried on by a battery. Both have seen much active service, having been in all the principal fighting in which the battery took such an important part. Among other Charlottetown boys who arrived was Pte. Joseph Elric Arsenault, son of Mr. J. F. Arsenault, of this city. He went over with the 105th and fought with the 26th Battalion. He was wounded on two occasions—at Passchendaele—in the arm and in the left leg last August. He is a nephew of Premier Arsenault and has a brother in the U. S. Army. Another Charlottetown soldier was Pte. William R. McDonald, son of Mr. John McDonald, 43 Pownall St. He was a year and a half with the 8th Siege Battery and was wounded by shrapnel shell, fragments lodging in his back and elbow. Other Charlottetown soldiers who came were Pte. W. Heron, P. W. LeClair, J. Lockerby, W. E. Matthews and G. R. Foyle.

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CONDENSED SPECIALS

FOR SALE—COW TO FRESHEN IN a couple of days. Apply to S. Woodridge, Cove Head Road. 3120-12-23 mspda
TO DAIRYMEN—SANITARY BUTTER paper, printed, Fresh Daily Butter—35c per 100 lbs. post 40c. Guardian Office. 3205-23-1111.
ANY ONE WISHING TO ACQUIRE moderate two young children with room and board after January 1st will please leave their name at Guardian Office. 3040-12-18 mspda
WANTED—SECOND HAND 500 6 horse power stationary gas engine—reliable make and in good running order. State lowest price. H. D. McEwen, Moral. 3121-12-23 mspda

REMEMBER

THAT thousands of Canadian soldiers home from the battlefields owe their lives to the devoted workers of the Red Cross Society. That there are yet those of our kin, both on land and sea, under its care, in hospitals and in ships. THAT its living use is greater today than ever and more firmly based on the generosity of a Patriotic people. AND respond to the collections for Joint Patriotic Red Cross work on the 6-13 January.

THE "VICTORY CHIMES" SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED

An Interesting Event at Cardigan on Saturday Witnessed by a Large Number of Spectators. Description of the New Ship.

The good ship "Victory Chimes," the first new vessel to be launched in Prince Edward Island for a considerable number of years, was successfully floated at Cardigan on Saturday. Much interest was centred in the launching of this fine vessel and something like one thousand persons gathered to see her take the plunge from the launchways to her future natural element. The day was an ideal one as far as the weather was concerned and the crowd present included not only the residents of the village but many from the surrounding country and from Charlottetown. For an hour or more before the appointed time for launching the scene around the new vessel was one of animation. The workmen were busy getting everything in shape for the big event. The music of the mallets made a continuous and merry sound as the wedges were being driven home to "rally her up," as the workmen's phrase has it, the "dogshores" were being put in place, and the ways were being extra daubs of tallow to make doubly sure against the possibility of the ship by any means happening to "stick" at the critical moment. The vessel was scheduled to leave the ways at 12 o'clock noon when the tide would be at flood and exactly at that very hour, the dogshores were tripped and the vessel gracefully slid down the incline to the water. No more successful launching ever took place. Not a way was disturbed as she took to the brine stern first, without even a splash and amid the cheers of the assembled throng on the adjacent bridge and other points of vantage. Just before leaving the ways a bottle suspended from the bow was dashed against the vessel and as the contents streamed forth, Mrs. J. A. McDonald, who officiated at this interesting part of the programme, said, "I hereby name you 'Victory Chimes'."

The vessel on taking the water glided directly across the channel and was brought to by a line in the hands of the workmen and was then moored alongside the wharf. She balanced perfectly and drew but a little over four feet of depth. Needless to say every one was delighted with the success of the launch which reflected credit upon all concerned. The workmen to express their good feelings seized in turn the superintended, Hon. J. A. McDonald, and the foreman of the launching, Captain Charles Fitzgerald, of Georgetown, who showed excellent judgment throughout and they had to submit to "bouncing" in regular schoolboy fashion amid cheers of the crowd. The "Victory Chimes" is a vessel of 308 tons gross and 294 tons register. Her length of keel is 111 feet and she is 140 over all; her breadth of beam is thirty feet, with a depth of twelve feet. Her keel was laid on May 2nd of this year, by the veteran Island shipbuilder, Mr. Kimball Coffin, of Mount Stewart, who was foreman of the work on launching when ill health compelled him to take a rest. Considering that Mr. Coffin is approaching four score years his record for workmanship is remarkable and everything about the new ship has the appearance of stability and completeness, and the evidence of competent superintendance. The vessel was built entirely by Island labor and of Island wood—spruce, beech and yellow birch for the Cardigan Shipbuilding Company, Hon. J. A. McDonald, of Cardigan, Mr. George J. Thompson and the late Mr. Charles Lyons formed a partnership early in the present year to undertake the construction of at least one vessel and possibly others later and took the above name. It was Mr. Lyons two years ago who proposed the idea. He was very much taken up with the scheme of having shipbuilding and got Mr. McDonald interested and he in turn got Mr. McDonald to take a share in the partnership. The result was the splendid vessel launched Saturday. The name "Victory Chimes" was a suggestion of Mr. Lyons. Mr. McDonald at various times invited the late Mr. Lyons to visit him at Cardigan and see the progress being made upon the vessel, but he always declined, saying that he would endeavor to be present at the launching. A sad coincidence is that the day at first decided upon for the launching was the very day on which Mr. Lyons' funeral took place. Out of respect to his memory the launch was deferred to Saturday.

The "Victory Chimes" is in every way a handsome vessel of very fine lines. She will be a three-masted and was built from a Nova Scotia design. She is well built and galvanized iron fastened and is tight as a drum. The work of rigging her will commence immediately. The rigging will be set with turnbuckles instead of the ordinary landlarks. When launched she was flying the Union Jack at her bow and the Victory Loan flag, won by the District at her stern. It is hoped to have her completed in a very short time. It being the intention that she should carry a cargo of oats this season to St. John's, and to load on there for the Middleman or Brazil. Freight at present are reported excellent and any good cargo carrying vessel can do well. It is to be hoped that now that such a splendid vessel has been launched the good work will continue and that in due course many other excellent vessels will be in the days of overhauling constructed in this Province.

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