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"THE ELEVENTH" ON VISIT HOME

Seventy-two Men of the Howitzer Battery with Captain D. A. McKinnon Receive Royal Welcome in Charlottetown.

The P. E. Island men of the 11th. Field Artillery Howitzer Brigade, commanded by Capt. D. A. McKinnon, arrived in Charlottetown on Saturday afternoon by the Car Ferry on six days' furlough. They were accompanied by Capt. McKinnon. The City turned out in full force to welcome them the wharf being absolutely crowded. The Prince Edward arrived at 3.20 p.m. and immediately the Band of the 82nd. Regiment struck up "O' Canada". The men were met by His Worship Mayor Brown who gave them the freedom of the city.

The "Guardian" reporter yesterday interviewed Capt. D. A. McKinnon, officer commanding No. 11 Field Artillery Howitzer Brigade Ammunition Column which was moblized on the 25th January at Halifax. Capt. McKinnon said that it was intended to have the corps proceed overseas sometime ago but sickness interfered and they were in quarantine for two weeks.

On account of the corps being warned for sailing it was not considered porsible that leave could be granted to the Island boys to come, but through the efforts of some good friends it was granted and all were delighted when the announcement was made of six da'sy furlough. The officials on the Car Ferry and Railway were most kind and attentive and did everything in their power to make it pleasant for the boys. The reception at the boat was entirely unexpected and they felt very much excited when they saw so many kind friends waiting to greet them. There is certainly no spot on earth where people are so warm-hearted as in Prince Edward Island," said Capt. McKinnon, "and I am sure I speak for the boys when I say that the scene on Saturday of thousands of cheering friends will not easily be forgotten. Our corps was mobilized in a hurry, expectation being that we would go overseas within a month. We had to get an awful hustle on, but we had everything ready at the appointed time. Of course it was a great disappointment to think that we would not get home, but the boys made the best of it and kept that part to themselves. We have 72 officers, N. C. O's. and gunners from P. E. Island who form the larger part of the column. The rest are from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and are very fine chaps. It is a corps that I am proud to command. Every man is a picked man and I feel sure will be a credit to Canada. The discipline has been simply wonderful. They are all gentlemen and try to do the right thing at all times. Forty of the Island boys were with me at Ives Point Battery and are part of the detachments which made such excellent shooting with the big guns last August. I could not wish for better men. The reputation of P. E. Island for artillery men has certainly lost nothing by their work. Our corps comprises almost every walk in life We have 7 Civil Engineers, 15 Bank Clerks, Medical Students, dental students, blacksmiths, carpenters, machinists, bakers, harness makers, and in fact every trade and calling has its representatives. They all are a very happy lot of men, who seem to see the bright side of everything, which is really the proper view point for a soldier. We have no grouches.

So the officer's work is very pleasant. During the past month the boys have received 3 innocolations and are therefore proof against the typhoid germ. The past week they have been taking turns in the dental chair, the dental corps having given up all their time to us. The result is that every man will go to the front with his teeth in first-class order. The corps will form part of the 11th Brigade which has probably reached England by this time. We should get there very shortly so we will not lose very much training." Asked as to the duties of an ammunition column, the Captain said:

"Our corps will have the job of supplying all the ammunition to the 11th Brigade also to other brigades if they desire our services. We will have 132 horses riding and draft; 12 ammunition waggons and each ammunition waggon will be drawn by 6 horses. We will also have the task of keeping communication open between the batteries, our headquarters and the divisional ammunition column. For this work we are training 21 signallers. Ten of these are required to be experts with the "buzzer" or telegraph key. We will lay our own lines of communication and also have a staff of mounted orderlies in case of breakdown in the telephone communications. Our waggons will be interchangeable with those of first line waggons of the firing battery, so that when the ammunition in them is expended they can simply unhook the full wagon and take out the empty one. Most of the work will be done after dark, as to carry it out in the daytime would disclose the position of the battery (which are nearly all entrenched) to the enemy's aeroplane scouts. Of course in case of a big engagement ammunition would have to be got at any time required. The ammunition we will have to deal with will be principally 4.5 howitzer shells which are being manufactured in New Glasgow, N. S., and other parts of Canada. These consist of high explosives and shrapnell and the high explosives is to break up trenches and the shrapnel to shell troops in the open. The 4.5 howitzer will be the closest gun op to the firing line. It will be placed anywhere from 1,500 to 3,500 yards from the enemy's first line trenches. It is a short gun capable of being easily concealed. It is said to be a dandy. Its peculiar value in this war is due to the high angle of descent which it affords, thus making it effective for trench warfare. The angle of descent can be adjusted to suit varying conditions by altering the weight of the cartridge used. Life in the ammunition column will not be so monotonous as on the guns as the work is nearly all done in the open. The fact that a great portion of the corps will have horses to look after will also be means of diverting their attention from themselves. All the men in the corps will be given a training in Field Artillery work in addition to their other duties so that they can take their place in the firing batteries. As we have 60 highly-trained coast defense artillery men I am sure we will make a splendid showing when it comes to gun drill."

As regards the treatment of the men in Halifax the Captain said they were all delighted with that City. "The people", he said, "are very kind to us and the corps being the only artillery one going overseas at present they are made a lot of. Every day brings invitations for the boys to spend the evening at some church or club when a programme is given and lots of cake, ice cream, etc., are furnished. Needless to say these events are well patronised.

We were sorry that Mr. Longworth could not come over with us but he had to go to Guelph to see his mother who is at present there. Mr. Longworth is a Charlottetown boy and second in command of the Column. He is a very fine young man and a splendid officer, and the boys are all very fond of him. We are also fortunate in having with us Mr. Donald from Moncton.

Lieutenant Donald is a well-known figure in athletics and is a splendid field artillery officer and also very popular with the column. We were all very pleased Saturady to see the officers and men of the 105th Regiment at the wharf. Col. Campbell and his officers are making a great name for themselves raising such a fine body of men and I am sure the 105th will be a corps Prince Edward Island will feel highly proud of. The officers they have sent to the schools have done exceptionally well and have kept up the name of this province for good students and hard workers.

In the formation of the 105th the Island has accomplished what seemed to be an almost impossible task to recruit a regiment. When spring comes and they get a chance to train it will will without doubt be one of the finest regiments in Canada.

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COMMING EVENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

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**The Patriotic Concert to have been held at York on Monday has been postponed until Wednesday, March 15th. 7776-3-11M1ipd.

**There will be a Red Cross Social and entertainment at Pleasant Grove on Thursday, March 16th at 7.30 p.m. 7768-3-11M3i.

**The Charlottetown Fish Supply Co., have today a good display of fresh Mackerel and Halibut just received. 7745-3-10-M3i.

**A basket social and entertainment will be held at Howe's' Hall, Wednesday, March. 15th. Admission 15c. Ladies with baskets free. If night proves unfavorable to be held the first fine night following. Doors open at 7 o'clock. 7769-3-11M3i.

**The Young Peoples Society will present "The Village Post Office" in North Wiltshire Hall on Monday, Mar. 20th at 8 p.m. Also a program of solos and choruses. Sale of Home made candy. Admission 15 and 25 cents. An enjoyable time for all. Proceeds for Patriotic purposes. 7778.

STILL FIGHTING AROUND VERDUN

Intense Artillery Engagements Along Whole Front. Enemy has for two Days Made no Attempt to Reach Plateau Commanding Forth Douamont. In Woevre Section Germans Succeeded in Entering Small French Trench.

(Special to the Guardian.)

PARIS, March 12. — German troops after a heavy artillery bombardment yesterday afternoon attacked French positions on the eastern front of the Verdun sector and succeeded in capturing a small trench north of Eix, according to the official statement given out today by the French War Office. Intense artillery engagements, the statement adds, were in progress at other points along the western front. The text of the statement follows:—

"North of the Aisne the artillery struggle was very active in the region of wooded hills south of Ville aux Bois. On the left bank of the Meuse in the region of Bethancourt the bombardment was quite intense. On the right bank of the river a small German hand-grenade attack near the woods adjacent to Pepper Hill was easily repulsed. Bombardment continued violent east of Fort Douaumont and in the region of Fort Vaux, where the enemy since the day before yesterday has made no attempt to reach the Plateau which rises above the fort. In Woevre at the close of yesterday, the Germans, after artillery preparation, took from us during an attack a small trench adjoining the Etain road north of Eix. In Lorraine there were encounters between patrols west of Arrancourt. On the rest of the front there was no event of importance.

(Special to the Guardian.)

LONDON, March 12.—Except for artillery action, fighting in the Verdun region has ceased for the moment. To north and east of the fortress there have been no infantry engagements since Saturday afternoon, when the Germans succeeded in entering a small French trench to north of Eix. On both sides of the Meuse from northwest of Verdun along the entire front around to the south-east of the fortress artillery on both sides continued the tremendous shelling that has been in progress for some days. The Germans claim they have captured in the fighting around Verdun thus far 26,472 unwounded French soldiers, 189 guns and 232 machine guns. To south of the Somme River in Argonne Forest and in Ban de Sapt sector of the Vosges French guns heavily bombarded German entrenchments.

The Russians captured trenches from the Germans in the Dnieister region east of Galicia and have made further progress against the Turks in Persia, taking the town of Kirind. The Russians admit the sinking of a Russian torpedo boat destroyer by a submarine of the Central Powers in the Black Sea. Part of the crew were rescued.

Despite unfavourable weather in the mountains the Italians are keeping up operations against the Austro-Hungarians. They are also bombarding the Isonzo front. The town of Gorizia has had to sustain another hail of Italian shells.

The British fleet auxiliary, Fauvette, a vessel of 2,644 tons, has been lost together with fourteen members of the crew by striking a mine off the east coast of England.

MORE AMERICANS IN TORPEDOED SHIP

(Special to the Guardian.)

PARIS, March 12.—The testimony given to the American Consul at Havre by seven Americans on board and members of the crew of the Norwegian barque Siuius, which was sunk off the coast of France, is to the effect that the barque was torpedoed by a submarine without warning.

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$150,000 FIRE ON STEAMER AT ST. JOHN

(Special to the Guardian.)

ST. JOHN, March 12.—From shortly after midnight on Saturday until six o'clock this evening the men of the thirty Fire Dept. together with the harbor fire boat were kept busy fighting a fire in the hold of the Australian steamer, Matagua, lying at rest at St. John loaded with a valuable cargo and almost ready for sea. Damage to the value of $150.000 was done before was got under control and at midnight tonight the cargo was still smouldering. Tons of water were poured into the burning steamer and this weight caused her to sink until at low tide she was aground. Longshoremen were at work on the vessel up to midnight Saturday and half an hour after they left her flames were seen to issue from No. 2 hatch. In that portion of the ship the cargo consisted chiefly of automobiles, wall paper, newspaper, railway iron preserved meats and large quantities of carbide. The carbide, highly inflammable added greatly to the difficulties of combatting the blaze and the efforts of the firemen had to be directed to confining the fire to the portion of the ship in which it originated. In this they were successful and goods in the other hatches were not seriously damaged.

The loss as stated will reach $150,000. The vessel will be here for some time until the balance of her cargo can be saved and it is seen what damage is done to the ship.

There is no indication as to the fire's origin but when the last ship laborer left the vessel everything was alright. The wharf at which the steamer was moored as all other wharves in harbor was under strict military guard and it is declared no suspicious persons were seen in the vicinity of the vessel.

TWO P. E. ISLANDERS IN CASUALTY LIST

Two Prince Edward Islanders are named in the last casualty list issued at Ottawa. They are Harry Docherty, Martinville, P. E. I., 13th Battalion, wounded, and Samuel Chandler, Pownal, P. E. I., 42nd. Battalion, wounded.

LOTS FOR SALE—ABOUT 850 FEET of land on the north side of Green Street between Mr. C. R. Smallwood's residence and Spring Park Road running back about 185 feet. This property will make very desirable dwelling lots, none better in the city. If not sold before will be sold in lots to suit purchaser about middle of April next. Enquire of Fred W. Hyndman, Queen St. 7784-3-13M1i.

SWEDEN TO PROTEST AGAINST HUN MINES

STOCKHOLM, March 10. — The Swedish Minister at Berlin has been instructed to protest to the German government against the laying of ish coast. The Swedish steamship mines within four miles of the Swed-Knippla was sunk about 800 yards inside the Swedish waters and it was reported that a German flotilla was laying mines in those waters.

Irish Mechanics and Military Service Act

LONDON, March 9.— "Many Irish mechanics are afraid that if they cross the channel they will place themselves within the scope of the Military Service Act." is the reason given by trade union officials for the failure of the efforts to obtain skilled labor from Ireland for factories in England and Scotland, where it is urgently needed.

In order to overcome this objection one trade union has obtained the legal opinion that Irishmen employed temporarily on jobs in England would not be liable to military duty.

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THE WEATHER, TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

TORONTO, March 13, Maritime: Southerly and south-westerly winds, gradually increasing with snow and rain.

THE WEATHER Yesterday was fine and mild, turning colder at night.

The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 23 degrees above zero. At nine o'clock yesterday morning it registered 18 above; at nine last night 7 above. The coldest the previous night was 17 above.

The tide will be high this afternoon at 4.33 and tomorrow at 5.51; it will be high tomorrow morning at 7.20 and Wednesday at 8.18.

The sun sets this evening at 6.04 and tomorrow at 6.05; it rises tomorrow morning at 6.14 and Wednesday at 6.12.

The moon rises this morning at 11.41.

The first quarter of the moon was on Saturday, March 11th at 2.33 p.m.

There will be a full moon on Sunday March 19th at 1.27 p.m.

The length of today will be eleven hours and forty-eight minutes.

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GERMAN RAIDERS IN THE ATLANTIC

Two German Steamers said to have taken up work done by Moewe. Admiralty Taking Steps to Round Them Up.

LONDON, March 11. — There are two German commerce raiders, ready to take up the work of destruction abandoned by the Moewe, cruising the Atlantic. News of their activities is said to have reached London, but the Admiralty is silent as to what havoc they have already played among British shipping.

Rumours that several merchantmen have been captured, stripped of valuables and crews by the raiders and abandoned in a sinking condition are persistent, but the names of the Germans, or what disguise they have effected in order to slip up on commerce ships or other details are lacking.

Naval experts are not inclined to place credence in one assumption that the vessels slipped from a German port, despite the British cordon. Nor is it said to be likely that they put to sea on the heels of the big German fleet of warships observed a few days ago in the North Sea.

"Thse steamers never escaped from any port of Germany," declared an official to-night. "The only manner in which their presence on the high seas can be accounted for is that they were steamers engaged in passenger or cargo service at the outbreak of the war and were interned in South American ports, from which they escaped."

Despite the Admiralty's silence, it is known here that steps have already been taken to rid the seas of them. The safety of the merchant ships of the Allied nations along the principal routes of trade must be preserved at all hazards, and it is said that the British cruisers through whose guard the Moewe slipped in her spectacular dash for a German port have turned their attention to seeking out the other two raiders. For obvious reasons, however, the Admiralty refuses to make public any plans for their destruction.

TO PROHIBIT IMPORTATION OF LIQUOR IN THE PROVINCES

OTTAWA, March 11—The first Government caucus since the Parliament buildings fire was held in the Railway Committee Rooms this week. It is understood that the chief subject under discussion was the temperance legislation. The Government's proposal was that legislation be introduced which would strengthen prohibitory legislation in the provinces, which have gone to the full extent of their powers in passing temperance measures. The plan is to prohibit the importation of liquor in the provinces which have decided to banish drink from within their borders.

At present the Provinces have not the authority to prohibit the importation of liquor, and this has always been a weakness in provincial prohibitory laws. The Government's proposal is a big forward temperance advance.

There was some opposition to this proposal, while the ultra prohibitionists urge the adoption of their solution of the question in Mr H. H. Stevens' resolution now before the House calling for Dominion Prohibition. However, the general feeling of the caucas was to accept the Government's proposal and an amendment to this effect will likely be moved to Mr Stevens' resolution when the question comes up again for discussion. The necessary legislation to carry this into effect will be introduced

The Government caucas evidently did not come to a decision on the question of temperance legislation, as at the close of the caucas, which did not adjourn until after one o'clock, Sir Robert Borden said another caucas would be held next week, when the question will be settled.

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