

DECEMBER 8th, 1899

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CANADIANS SENT INTO THE FIRING LINE

Big Battles Expected to Take Place

SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

PIETERMARITZBURG, Dec. 7.—General Buller and his staff started from here for the front on the 5th inst.

LONDON, Dec. 8, 5 a. m.—General Buller's arrival at Frere is held to indicate that all the preparations for an advance to the relief of Ladysmith are completed and that startling news will soon be received.

The fact that Lord Methuen is announced as resuming his command at almost the same moment is interpreted in some quarters to mean that battles will be fought simultaneously in Natal and at Spionkop.

It appears doubtful, however, whether Lord Methuen's force is ready for what will evidently be a heavy encounter.

MONTREAL, Dec. 7.—A cable to The Star,

says all the members of the Canadian Contingent are in good health. Their progress so far, has been without incident the line of march to De Aar being completely under control of the British.

Lord Methuen has rejoined his forces en route to Kimberley, and it is believed that an immediate advance in force will be made to relieve the beleaguered city.

The Canadians, with the Black Watch and Sutherland Highlanders will leave here for the front to-morrow and join Lord Methuen's column the day following if nothing intervenes.

The weather is extremely hot, but the men are not suffering any ill effects from the heat.

PRETORIA, Wednesday, Dec 6.—"Fighting commenced near Modder River at 6 o'clock this morning.

OUR CONTINGENT AT SEA!

The Island Boys Are All Well

SPLENDID PASSAGE TO THE CAPE VERDE ISLANDS.

Officers Have the Best of it on Board But the Island Boys are Lucky.

(Special Correspondence of THE EXAMINER)

CAPE VERDE ISLANDS, Sunday, Nov 13.—As we have just got in sight of land and as they say we can send a mail ashore, I thought I would drop you a line to let you know that we are all alive and well; I mean the "Island Boys," Major Weeks included.

Well, you have no doubt heard before now all about the S. S. Sardinian. She is nothing short of a poor cattle boat, and when the Canadian Contingent gets home, Canada will know something about the way the Flower of Canada was used by this great Liberal Government of ours. It is a d-d shame;—and then one third of the boat is set aside for the few officers. So you can see how the men are treated with regard to room, and you know there is not much room in the bow of a steamer. I will enclose you a table of the routine for the day and the bill of fare. But the bill of fare is only another grit bluff; for we never get half of it. The officers are very strict, or we should not be able to get along at all, for there are some hard men aboard.

On Sunday, we have three services—Catholic from 9.20 to 10.15, Presbyterian, 10.15 to 11, Church of England, 11.15 to 11.45. The Catholic priest is an old man, about 65, and not fit, in my mind, for the position. The English Church man is a young man, and you know the other yourself. We have no drill on Sunday.

Every morning we have a salt water bath, and I tell you it is fine before breakfast. The weather is fine here, just like July or August, and I am enjoying it laying out in the sun with very little on me.

I think it will do us all good. The sun is very hot some times and we have to get under shelter or we would be sun-struck, for there is nothing else to get struck on here. We only drill two (2) hours a day, and half an hour boat drill. No. 17 life boat is the one the Island boys have to stick to if anything happens. She is a collapsible boat and can hold 50, if needed, with provisions for six days, and you can bet we can take care of No. 17 with any of them for we have all sworn that together we live divided we die. But I guess there will be no need of them as we are now half way and we have not had one rough day.

About 400 of us sleep on the first deck in hammocks, and we are fortunate enough to be in the 400. I think we have the best place in the ship; in fact I am sure we have. We dine at three tables. So you see we are all together, which makes it good.

The trained nurses have nothing to do until we get to Africa. We have all been vaccinated for fever, and there will be no fear of us now. The doctor says they are the finest lot of men he ever saw. You can talk as you like but the Island boys "take the bun." They are the smartest and best drilled lot of soldiers on board, and every one says so. You should see them for yourself and then you would boot the same opinion.

So far Lorne Stewart and A. R. Dillon have been the only Islanders to get promotion. Both are corporals. All the other sergeants are from the schools. Dillon has also been attached to the medical staff with three others from other places.

The water is very bad just now—not fit to drink. I could sell Charlottetown water for 25 cents a glass as easy as you could sell THE EXAMINER for two cents. There is a canteen aboard, but they do not sell everything; only canned goods and a few other things.

The bread is all soft, and very good; the meat is very poor, but there's lots

of it. We got porridge this morning, and I tell you it was a treat to some of us.

We had the sad experience of a funeral at sea. A Frenchman by the name of Des Laurier, belonging to Ottawa, died on the 4th of November, and was buried at sea. He was sewed up in a hammock, and with the Union Jack over him he was launched into the sea. Poor fellow. This is a very hard place on every one who was accustomed to drink; for they cannot get any liquor on board for love or money, and they all now belong to a good temperance society because they cannot help it. There are lots of tobacco and cigars on board.

The Cape Verde Islands are a nice sight to see from the steamer; the nicest I ever saw. You can picture them yourself—for I am not much at description.

I have taken several pictures of the boys while bathing, sweeping and so forth, which I will send from the Cape when we get there. I may have a chance to get some good war pictures.

Now, I will write you again from the Cape, a good long letter, and something from every place I can.

THE EXAMINER is permitted to quote the following from a private letter written by Mr. Arthur Mellish to his parents in this city:—

We think we may have a chance to land mails at Cape Verde Islands and I therefore dash off this letter on the chance.

We had a great send-off at Quebec. The Governor General, Premier Laurier, Gen. Hutton and others addressed us on the parade stand, after which we took a long march through Quebec, St. Roch and the Lower Town. As we were in heavy marching order this was no joke. There were great crowds of people, but little or no cheering, especially in the French quarters. After we got on board great numbers of people crowded on the pier and the real excitement began. As we slowly moved off the cheering and waving of handkerchiefs became wild—people covered the cliff even up to the ramparts of the Citadel Hill, where a salute was fired. The boys clustered all over the rigging, sang "Rule Britannia," and cheered till they were hoarse. All the wharves were full of people waving and cheering. Several steamboats accompanied us quite a distance, sometimes even fastening alongside. The boys tore their buttons and shoulder straps off, and even the sight protectors of their rifles and threw them to the young ladies in the steamers who went wild for souvenirs.

We had had a very early breakfast and had been marching all day, but were not able to get anything to eat till about 6 p. m., and then it was just some soup and meat. The first deck below was full of canvas hammocks hanging from the ceiling as close as they could be packed; underneath were the mess tables and around were the arms racks. The two decks below were built up solidly with bunks three deep just wide enough for a man, with divisions of wood about six inches high between them. My experience came into play here. I at once took one of the hammocks. The poor fellows below are very closely packed. The run down the St. Lawrence was uneventful. I scribbled off good byes and dropped them in the pilot boat at Rimouki. A fog delayed us until we were well into the Atlantic. The soldiers were miserable, most of them sick and the organization seemed to utterly break down. I looked out for myself and got along very well, being a little sea sick only about half a day. After the storm was over the boys soon got better, and since then there has been only very little seasickness. One man named Des Lauriers died. His body was sewed up in canvas and buried over the ship's side.

On Sunday we had three services. Father O'Leary, the R. C. chaplain first officiated. Rev. Mr. Fullerton followed and preached a very good sermon about the tares. The Rev. Mr. Almon, the Church of England chaplain came next and preached a short forcible sermon. He was engaged to come as chaplain only at the last moment. We do some drilling but not very much. I have been on watch once, and expect to be on again tonight. It is really pleasant to be on deck now. The weather is warm, and we constantly see flying fish flitting over the water, and this morning one flew on deck and was captured by an officer. In the early morning several companies are paraded and the men have to run round the decks several times. They then go forward and get a good bath from the hose into which sea water is pumped. I get a bath every morning even when it is not our turn, and I enjoy it very much. The

water is warm and tastes saltier than our sea water at home. It is great fun to see the fellow capering under the hose. They are nearly all great muscular men far above the average and seem very obliging. There has been no quarrelling on board. This is rather surprising and pleasing too when you consider that there are 1400 people in the ship. We have all been vaccinated with an anti-malarial virus to keep us from malarial fever. All the Island boys are getting on O. K. We have a great variety of characters on board. I am constantly surprised. There are men with medals, clasps, etc., and a large number of typical adventurers who seem to have been in most everything of note for years past. I am feeling much better as a result of the change. It seems to be the general impression among the boys that we will be all back in about five months. Please remember me to all friends.

Mr. Mellish also writes under date of November 16th, by a passing ship, and reports all well.

By the courtesy of Mr. T. C. James THE EXAMINER is permitted to make the following extract from a letter received by him from Rev. T. F. Fullerton:—

S S SARDINIAN, Nov 11. Lat 190.37 Long 27 11

Captain has just said he will stop first mail steamer and give them our letters. We are 12 days out and are 2860 miles from Quebec. Have had a fairly good passage and are nearly all over sea sickness. I did not suffer at all. The Island boys stood it well, and like the other sections they are now hard at work from morning till night. The best authorities say the troops must have two months garrison drill and duty before being fit for the field.

We had one death on Thursday after sailing and the funeral, on the same day. The men appeared to be deeply impressed with the whole scene. We have three services on Sunday, and last Sunday they were conducted on deck, the only available space, amid a tremendous gale and tremendous rolling. Give my kindest regards to all friends.

The electors of Manitoba have given a broad hint to those of Belfast and Murray Harbor.

The management of the Shamrock Concert Company give a \$5.00 gold piece for the best amateur in Charlottetown tonight. Don't miss the fun.

New Granby Overshoes at R K Jost's.

BASKET SOCIAL.—A basket social will be held at Kingston, in the Hall, on Wednesday, 20th inst. An excellent programme is being prepared. Admission 10 cents. Ladies with baskets free. Mon and Tu

A meeting of the city teachers will be held in the parlour of the Y M C A this evening at 8 o'clock sharp, for the purpose of reorganizing the Teachers' Institute. A full attendance is requested.

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