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THE GERMAN HOSTS BEING DRIVEN BACK

CANADIANS WILL SOON BE ON THE FIRING LINE

Major General Sam Hughes, Back From England, Brings a Cheering Message--- Nothing in the Report That They Will be Sent to Egypt--One Thousand Americans With Troops at Salisbury Plain-- Three Hundred Canadians in Lord Mayor's Parade

New York, Nov. 8--Major General Sam Hughes, Canadian minister of militia, returned last night from England and the continent on board the steamship St. Paul, which arrived from Liverpool.

Active service at the front will be seen by the Canadian troops recently sent to England from Ottawa, according to General Hughes.

The stories printed in this country to the effect that the Canadian contingent will be used to strengthen the coast defences of Great Britain were repudiated by Hon. Mr. Hughes as being without foundation. Neither will the Canadians be sent to Egypt, as also has been reported, said the general.

"There were thirty-three thousand men in the first contingent which Canada forwarded to the help of the mother country," he continued. "They comprise the finest body of men that I have ever seen and are enthusiastic over the prospects of getting into the active part of the fray. Weeks of training has practically made them seasoned regiments and I am sure their presence on the field will prove of great advantage to the allied forces."

"More than one thousand men among the first contingent are Americans and a large proportion of these were members of the American National Guard. From the far west we obtained a particularly fine body of men, well trained in the handling of arms and inured to hardships, equal to any they may face on the European battlefields."

The report that there is a feeling of unrest among the Canadian troops now in England, or that their commissary department had been a source of complaint, met with a vigorous denial by General Hughes, when he was asked about the matter. The Canadians received a welcome when they arrived in England that for its enthusiasm has seldom been equalled, he said, and their commissariat is of the highest order. The contingent is now encamped on Salisbury Plain, and may be sent to the continent at any minute.

IN LORD MAYOR'S PARADE.

London, Nov. 8--Although the Lord Mayor's procession tomorrow will lack many of the usual theatrical features, there will be considerable military and patriotic display to compensate for the omission of the time-honored historic features. The idea of converting the functions into a patriotic display instead of abandoning the event, has met with general approval.

The Canadian troops who will appear in the procession, three hundred in number, came from Salisbury Plain to London on Saturday afternoon, and are quartered at the week-end. Six men were selected from each battalion. Lots were drawn for most of the men. The Alberta Band will precede the Canadians. Col. Turner, the commanding officer, will be mounted. The other officers will include Col. Hill, Lt. Col. Villers and Major Higginbottom.

Visitors to the Canadian camps at Salisbury Plain were very few over the week-end, which is the visiting time officially allotted. As a matter of fact, most of the men who have relatives or friends in this country have preferred to visit them. The

state of the roads and the camps after the recent heavy rains, is such that few will go to the camp merely in search of pleasure, especially in view of the exorbitant demands of the taxi-cab owners.

The men of the camp are in good health and spirits, despite the continued wet weather, but the condition has rendered all serious work impossible for the past two weeks.

Wooden huts are being built and will be occupied by the troops before the end of the month. A pleasing spirit of fraternity was exhibited by "C" Company, of the second battalion, when on pay day \$30 was subscribed to provide cigarettes for a regiment at the front. It is intended to repeat this collection each pay day.

NURSES OFF TO THE WAR.

The fifty-five Canadian nurses who have gone to the scene of war are in charge of Miss Ridley. Their exact destination is, of course, not announced. They started from St. Thomas Hospital, Westminster, taking a continental boat train.

THINKS ACTING PREMIER NEEDS A GUARDIAN

Mr. F. B. Carvell of Woodstock, arrived in the city by train this morning and is a guest at the Queen. Interviewed by The Mail in regard to an interview with the lieutenant governor on the Dugal report, which lately appeared in The St. John Standard, he said:

"Yes, I have read the interview to which you refer but have nothing to say on the subject at present. I understand that the report is to be laid before the government at its next meeting and I am content to wait. If it is not then forthcoming, perhaps I may have a few observations to make which will interest the public."

"I notice that Mr. Clarke, the acting premier, has publicly stated that he has not seen the report, and knows nothing about it. The report has been in His Honor's hands for a month and if Mr. Clarke expects the public to believe what he says is true all that I have got to say is that he should be placed under the care of a guardian at once as it is scarcely safe for him to be running around loose."

A NEW CARETAKER

Mr. James A. Rodgers, who has been employed as caretaker of the railway bridge since the structure was opened, for twenty seven years ago has been superannuated with an allowance of twenty dollars per month. Mr. John Stillwell of St. Marys, who has been employed on the bridge since the retirement of Mr. John Ferguson some months ago, has had his son Arthur appointed as Mr. Rodgers' successor. It is a trifle difficult to find out who is handling the patronage for York at the present time, and government work is therefore let out to families.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. C. Parlee of Moncton are visiting relatives in the city.

To-Day's Despatches From Battle Cheering---The Allied British Pa ported to be Within Three Miles ---Enemy Retreating Toward An

The Russian Fleet Has Left Sebastapol and is Steaming East
Land Forces are Pushing Rapidly Ahead---Violent Fighting
West and the Germans are Falling Back---Russian Cossacks
Dash Into German Territory---Germans Have Abandoned Their
Break Through the Allie's Line

WAR SUMMARY

Russian cavalry makes first raid upon German Territory
The enemy's troops have been forced back across the border.

Col. Sam Hughes back from England, brings cheering message from the Canadian troops, says they will soon be on the firing line.

Report of capture of German cruisers in the Pacific is not confirmed.

Kaiser calls new council of war to consider another plan of campaign.

Earl Kitchener congratulates Czar of Russia on great victory of his troops.

Conflict impending in the Pacific between Italian and German fleets.

The Allied armies on the offensive gain much ground in the west.

The German and Austrian armies are now on the offensive.

Distinguished French officer thinks the war will last three years.

Russian troops take eighteen thousand prisoners and eight guns.

RUSSIAN FLEET ON THE MOVE

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Copenhagen, Nov. 9---The Russian Fleet in the Black Sea has left Sebastapol according to a dispatch from Berlin. The fleet is said to have steamed eastward to protect Russian ports in Trans Caucasias from the bombardment of Turkish war vessels

SAYS 'REBELLION IS BROEN

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Johannesburg, Nov. 9---The speech by Hon. J. C. Smuts Minister of Finance and defence of the Union of South Africa has created the most favorable impression in all sections. He assured his auditor that the rebellion in the Transvaal has broken and that in the Orange Free State could be easily coped with.

ITALY WILL PROTEST

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Rome, Nov. 9---A demand upon Germany that Italians will be forwarded to Berlin by Baron Sidney Turkey end the fighting in Tripoli against the Sonnino, Minister of Foreign affairs and Premier Salandra. The Protest is addressed to Germany because of the Kaiser's recent promise that his new ally will not invade the Italian Possessions in Africa.

GERMANS ARE RETRE

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Amsterdam, Nov. 9---British Telegraph's correspondent at San Francisco reports that the Germans are persisting in retreating toward Antwerp and that the British forces stationed at Salsate have been transported to the left bank of the Scheldt Canal. The Telegraph's Correspondent at Antwerp reports that a German officer as declaring that the Germans are retreating back but, but Nevertheless we shall

ANOTHER BOMBARDM

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Rome Nov. 9---A despatch from London reports that two British torpedo boats were destroyed by a German submarine off the coast of Sicily.

London, Nov. 8---The German and Austrian armies are now on the defensive both in the east and the west. They have, at least for the present, given up their efforts to break through the allied lines around Ypres in Belgium, where the British and French have taken the offensive and, according to the reports from French headquarters, have commenced to advance, and in the east they have fallen back to and over their own frontiers in East Prussia and in Poland have crossed the border, while the Russian cavalry has penetrated Silesia, to the north of Kalisz, and cut the German railway.

The Russians also are following up their advantage in Galicia, and, it is said, have succeeded in cutting the retreating Austrians off from Cracow, and the German army is retiring through Poland.

In fact, at only one point on the two battle fronts do the Germans claim success. That is to the west of the Argonne region, where the German emperor's forces have succeeded in taking from the French an important height near Vienne-le-Chateau.

Elsewhere made progress which course of the war in the Aisne, where they ground which the assaults had taken. The Belgians, who line reaching to the made progress and seem that the Germans for additional reinforcements, were they through to the French sea. The fighting today was in a fog, which interfered work of the airmen, and like artillery.

RUSSIANS HOLDING TRO

While the reports of the Allied offensive of the west have given in London that Germans will back to a line further removed from the sea, all uneasiness has not passed for they have previously shown wonderful recuperative powers. The pre-

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