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THE INDIAN TROOPS

It is characteristic of the secrecy which veils the movements of British troops, proceeding to the front, that although the Indian Expeditionary Force landed at Marseilles on September 27th, the London press was not permitted to mention even the fact of their arrival until the morning of October 2nd. By that time the Indians may have been well on the way to the front, if they were not actually in the firing line of the Allies. The London papers printed many graphic stories of their arrival with pictures of details, conspicuous among which was the following descriptive account by the correspondent of the Times at Marseilles:

"I have seen the troops of one of the world's most ancient civilizations set foot for the first time on the shore of Europe. I have seen proud princes of rank ride at the head of thousands of soldiers, Princes and men alike fired with all the ardor of the East, determined to help win their Emperor's battles or die. And, of far greater significance to my fellow-countrymen than the mere making of history, I have seen welded before my eyes, as it were, what may well prove to be the strongest link in that singular and wonderful chain which we call the British Empire.

"With a precision and expedition that made every observer marvel, the armada of transports swung into harbor and moored alongside the appointed quays. A French officer was lost in admiration. Afterwards he confided to me with delightful frankness that the British Army and Naval authorities were the finest organizers to the world, and that German Britain alone of all the nations was capable of carrying out a project of the kind with such success.

"Hour after hour fully a score of steamers discharged their cargoes, and I am certain happier fighting men never landed in a country where death or glory was to be their goal. Had not the Emperor of India paid them the highest tribute in his Imperial power by asking them to join his white soldiers in crushing the military despotism that was rendering impossible peace and progress in Europe, and therefore upsetting the political balance of the empires and kingdoms of the whole earth? Yes, the King-Emperor had done this, and the soul of every Indian of every race represented in that mighty throng was filled to overflowing with a pardonable joy.

"Not the least extraordinary feature of this wonderful expeditionary force is that not only is it an army from another continent, but an army complete in every detail and ready to take its place in the firing line at a moment's notice. How it will immediately make its presence felt and prove of immense help to the Allies can best be realized by those who, like myself, have seen it on the march. I have been an observer of most of the European armies in peace and in war, but I never have I seen troops with a finer 'entrain' than those who swung past me on the road in the environs of Marseilles this afternoon. It is no exaggeration of language to say that the regiments brought over from India are composed of noble and majestic specimens of manhood.

"Everything necessary for campaigning has been brought, even to the shovels and picks to dig the trenches, paraffin lamps to light the sleeping places, and praying mats.

"Men, mountain battery mules, and officers' horses marched along under the very awnings of the cafe 'terrasses,' men and women meanwhile standing on chairs and tables waving hats, sticks and handkerchiefs, and expending every ounce of lung energy in shouting 'Vivent les Anglais, Vivent les Indiens.' The quick-witted Indians voiced their gratitude by replying 'Veeve France,' and by making repeated use of a phrase in Hindustani, the intonation of which was suspiciously reminiscent of the British soldier's dearly beloved 'Are we downhearted? No!'

"Our Indian troops, comparable as they are to any martial force in the world, have only one fear, and I have done my best to explain to them that it is absolutely groundless. It is that the war may be over before they get to the front!"

ON THE SIDE

Japs but Yap on map.

Austrians rout Serbs. A hot finish among the bushers.

If Portugal's in, it's the war of the Ten Nations. Can you count 'em?

Germans find Alost deserted. Not even Alost soul about.

We direct the attention of the Simplied Spelling Board of Przemysl.

The Kaiser's heart is bleeding again "for Antwerp also."

Death is the only umpire who can 'call' that extra-inning game on the Aisne.

What's the matter with Bernstorff? He hasn't denied anything for two days.

Secondly, we would say that the "r" in the first syllable of Przemysl is absolutely silent.

The Kluck of the German army has not yet brought the chic French under his wing.

Austria has begun the trial of the murders of the Archduke; but we understand that Serbia murdered the Archduke.

Daily headline: "Fiercest Fighting Since War Began."

Rumors of a cabinet shuffle are reported from Ottawa, Hon. W. B. Nantel who is perhaps the most useless member of the cabinet is to be shelved on the railway commission and his portfolio taken over by Mr. T. Chase Casgrain, K. C. Hon. L. P. Pelletier, the post master general, is likely to quit soon on account of ill health and Mr. Albert Seigney, nationalist M.P., for Dorchester, will likely succeed him. Hon. Dr. Roche, minister of the interior, is in poor health, and his retirement is set down for the near future.

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GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS

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the others present were Messrs. J. J. McCaffrey, W. G. Clark, Fred B. Edgecombe, A. R. Slipp, Judge Wilson, Dr. T. C. Allen, Lt.-Col. T. G. Loggie and Ald. J. J. Weddall.

Lt.-Col. Loggie, treasurer of the fund, submitted a report showing that the sum of \$8,442.22 has been placed in the Royal Bank of Canada's branch in this city to the credit of the committee.

A committee composed of Judge Wilson, Lt.-Col. Loggie and J. J. McCaffrey was appointed to confer with the County Council regarding the securing of voluntary contributions of produce for the Belgians from the farmers of York county. It was also decided to write the railway and steamship companies in an effort to secure the free transportation of produce, etc., to the port from which the contributions will be shipped to Belgium. Mayor Mitchell, Dr. T. C. Allen, Lt.-Col. T. G. Loggie and Ald. J. J. Weddall were appointed a committee to interview the provincial government in regard to granting assistance to the Belgians.

A meeting of the relief committee of the fund is being held this afternoon and another meeting of the general committee will take place at eight o'clock on Saturday evening.

PERSONAL

Hon. John Morrissey arrived here last evening and is a guest at the Barker.

Mr. C. J. Jones, barrister of Woodstock, is at the Queen today.

Miss Bessie Lundon of Canterbury is among the guests at the Queen.

Dr. William Kaufman of Toronto, registered at the Barker House.

Mr. J. W. Brankley of Chatham, is a guest at the Barker House.

Mr. Charles E. Clowes of Oromocto is in the city today.

Mr. and Mrs. George T. Harper of St. Stephen, are visiting relatives at Oromocto.

Mr. J. W. Hoyt, collector of customs at McAdam, was in the city today.

Coun. Sloat of Bright, was in the city today.

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WILL NOT ATTEMPT

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Most of the business houses in Ostend closed yesterday, and professional men, merchants and hotelkeepers joined the throng, which dared not leave the waterfront for fear of losing their places in the ever-growing line of men, women and children clamoring for a chance to escape.

All taxicabs and cab horses in Ostend were taken by the army long ago, so there was little means of transportation. The hotels near the harbor, which remained open, were crowded with refugees who had money, and who begged for the opportunity to rent even a chair.

Tuesday night brought insistent reports that the Germans would enter Ostend on Wednesday at dawn, with the result that few persons in the city slept. Before daybreak every street of Ostend was alive with Belgians, making their way to the waterfront. Hundreds of fishermen took their families and friends away in their small boats, which sailed out of the shipping basin in a steady stream, loaded down with freight of the women and children, carrying their personal effects wrapped in tablecloths and blankets.

The failure of the Germans to arrive at daybreak afforded only a slight relief to the anxious crowds.

NO ONE IN AUTHORITY.

Practically no government of any sort remains at Ostend; the apartment of King Albert and military headquarters left only the civil guard and policemen, who are attempting to preserve order, but there is lack of direction, as the burgomaster has also left.

The crowds mass about the gangways of the vessels, making the work of embarking the refugees more difficult. Women and children are trampled in the stampede, as of frightened animals, at every rumor. Bundles of clothes, trunks and bags are stacked everywhere in confusion, preventing the free movements of the crowds.

THAT RAILWAY CLASH

The dispute between the C.P.R. and the St. John Valley Railway concerning the obstruction of the C. P. R.'s track just above York street, will now be left for the courts to settle. An interim injunction has been granted the C.P.R. restraining the St. John and Quebec Construction Company from obstructing the plaintiff's tracks and yesterday the Valley Railway rails across the C. P. R. track were torn up for a distance of six feet on each side of the C.P.R. rails. Hearing was to have taken place before Justice Grimmer at St. John yesterday, but was adjourned until this morning at 10.30 o'clock. Fred R. Taylor, K.C., is appearing for the plaintiff, M. G. Teed, K.C., for the defendants and R. B. Hanson for the C. P. R.

Mr. A. H. Stewart, M.P.P. of Campbellton is a guest at the Barker. Hon. John E. Hison of St. John, is a guest at the Barker.

IMPORTANT MEETING OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Interesting Developments of a Political Nature Expected This Week

The provincial government, or rather four members of it, held a meeting here last evening, which lasted until seven o'clock. Another meeting is being held today and there is sufficient business on hand to keep the ministers here until tomorrow evening. This morning some items on the schedule were gone over and several delegations were heard. Mr. George Perley, M.P.P., for Sunbury, were on hand, but the members of the executive having been forbidden by The Mail, gave him a rather short shrift. He got a hearing on patronage matters, but that is about all he is likely to get. The members of the government seemed to have formed an unfavorable opinion of Ed George and do not pay much attention to his representations.

The lieutenant governor has the report of the Royal Commission on the Dugal charges and Acting Premier Clarke is in possession of Commissioner Chandler's report on St. John police matters, but so far neither has been laid before the executive.

The matter of granting some assistance to the stricken Belgians engaged attention this morning, but the acting premier stated at noon that he had no announcement to make as yet. Col. McAvity of St. John, will arrive by auto today to discuss with the executive the matter of forming a New Brunswick regiment for foreign service. He wants the government to grant some assistance to the undertaking.

The present meeting of the executive promises to be the most important held for some time, and some interesting developments of a political nature are on the carpet. It will not be a matter of surprise if Premier Plummer should be out of public life before the end of the present week.

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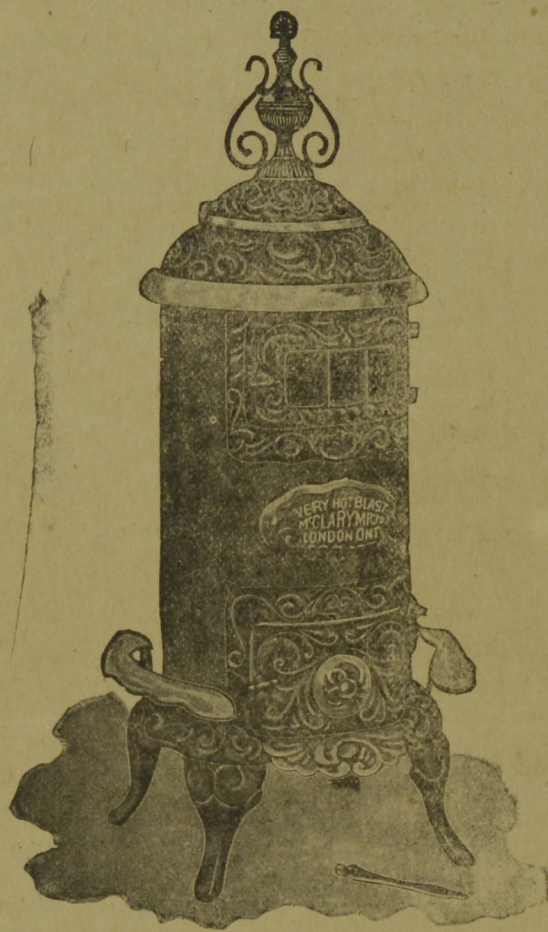
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