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DESCRIBES APPALLING ATROCITIES BY HUNS

Dr. Baylis of the American Commission Tells of a Visit to the Devastated Region

(New York Herald.)

Bringing photographs and affidavits by diplomatic representatives and by others to prove his assertion that the treatment of Belgians by the Germans will take a place as the most inhuman act in the history of the world, Dr. Charles T. Baylis of the American Commission for Relief in Belgium, returned from that country yesterday on board the Orduna of the Cunard Line. Dr. Baylis' home is in Brooklyn.

Accompanied by F. H. Gaylor of Virginia, and E. D. Curtis of Cambridge, Mass., American Rhodes scholars at Oxford University, Dr. Baylis made a one thousand mile tour of the stricken country by automobile. "If the lid is ever lifted and the true stories of the appalling atrocities and outrages are ever told, the Germans will make the Huns and Vandals look like Sunday school teachers," he said. "I have brought with me the most amazing series of affidavits and pictures ever taken and I have seen in Belgium such suffering and woe as is inconceivable."

"For six weeks I went through the country, and everywhere I faced such desolation that I was a nervous wreck when I returned to London. The affidavits which I took were all from men of unimpeachable reputations. Diplomats, burgomasters, clergy of every degree, all told me the same stories and backed them up with optical proof."

"I spent a day with Cardinal Mercier of Mechlin, who was imprisoned

by the Germans because of his pastoral letter. With tears streaming down his face he repeated to me experiences through which he had passed. He told me of girls and women he had visited in a clerical capacity and of outrages he had witnessed."

"Though the Germans have persecuted him they have not broken his indomitable spirit. He related to me such horrible things that I could easily understand the ineffable woe which is stamped on the faces of the starving, ragged women and children who clamor everywhere for food."

TELLS OF RUINED TOWNS.

"I heard the story of the looting and burning of Louvain from Mgr. de Becher, president of the American College there. With hands tightly clapped together he told me that the Germans entered Louvain four days before its destruction and that from the moment they entered until they left, after destroying the town to hide evidences of their crime, they committed such outrages that they defied belief."

"I was at Namur, Liege, Dinant, Charleroi and the other ruined towns. We have heard of them but we have not heard of the hundreds of smaller cities which met a like fate. At Ghent and Namur I heard the far off thunder of guns and saw hordes of Germans. They are madly throwing up enormous breastworks and defences, for they foresee a desperate struggle within a few weeks."

LOCAL MEN NOW WITH 1st BATTALION, DORSETS

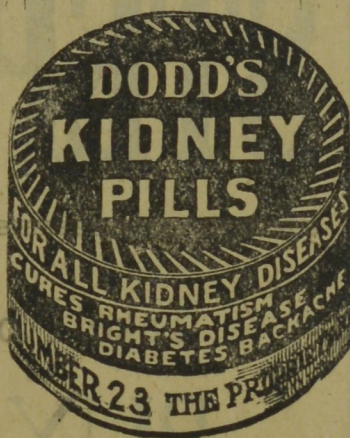
Frank McMeniman and Robert Phillips
Saw Jack Markey in France

Frank McMeniman and Robert Phillips of this city who joined the Dorset Regt., of the Imperial Army after taking their discharge from the 12th Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force, are now in the 1st Battalion of that regiment having been drafted from the 3rd Battalion which they joined in England.

An interesting letter from Private McMeniman states that the Dorsets at the time of writing were about two miles from the trenches and that the sound of artillery was constant with the flash of guns and shells plainly seen at night. The letter states that McMeniman was sleeping with others of the corps in an old barn and that their slumbers were rather interrupted by shell-fire.

Since being in France he has seen many of the Canadians among the number being Jack Markey of Fredericton who was one of a draft sent by the 12th Battalion. Markey according to the letter had tried to get a transfer into the Dorsets to join McMeniman and Phillips but without success.

Many of the Dorsets have been in Canada and have received the two Fredericton men heartily. Those who have not have been eager to hear from them what the country is like.



"I saw hundreds of thousands of Lord Kitchener's new army passing through France. Grim, determined young men in the pink of condition, they swung along toward Belgium. Army officers with whom I talked told me that almost at any moment they expected orders to advance in the most terrible assault of the war. They are confident that when the great advance is under way the Germans will be pushed back forever."

Holland, Dr. Baylis said, is on the verge of war. The country has 450,000 men under arms and they are growing more and more restive. The constant influx of refugees from Belgium and their pitiable condition, he said, were stirring the Dutch people until the government feared they would demand war.

HOW SUBMARINES WERE SUNK.

Dr. Baylis said that the true story of the sinking of two German submarines had not been told. The submarines, he said, were sunk by the British who were on board the German petrol supply boat. A British gunboat captured the supply vessel, he said, off the coast of Scotland, arrested the crew and put on board their own men. Then, when the submarines came for petrol, he said, they were sunk.

The Gooderdyk of the Holland-America line, which put back to Rotterdam a week ago last Friday, Dr. Baylis said, was damaged by a German torpedo in the Irish Sea. This report was given out at first but was later denied.

The reports and photographs which Dr. Baylis brought back with him, he will place at the disposal of the American commission. They were smuggled out of Belgium through the aid of certain officials there. Dr. Baylis is anxious to start on a lecture tour for the benefit of the Belgians, to expose, he said, the greatest inhumanity in all the history of the world.

The Orduna brought forty-two cabin and 506 second class passengers. On March 12th Mrs. H. Withington, bride of a Chicago merchant, who was married in London, died of heart disease on board the vessel. Her body was brought to New York and may be sent back to London for burial. The death of the young woman, who was a great favorite among the passengers, cast a gloom over a voyage which otherwise was most auspicious.

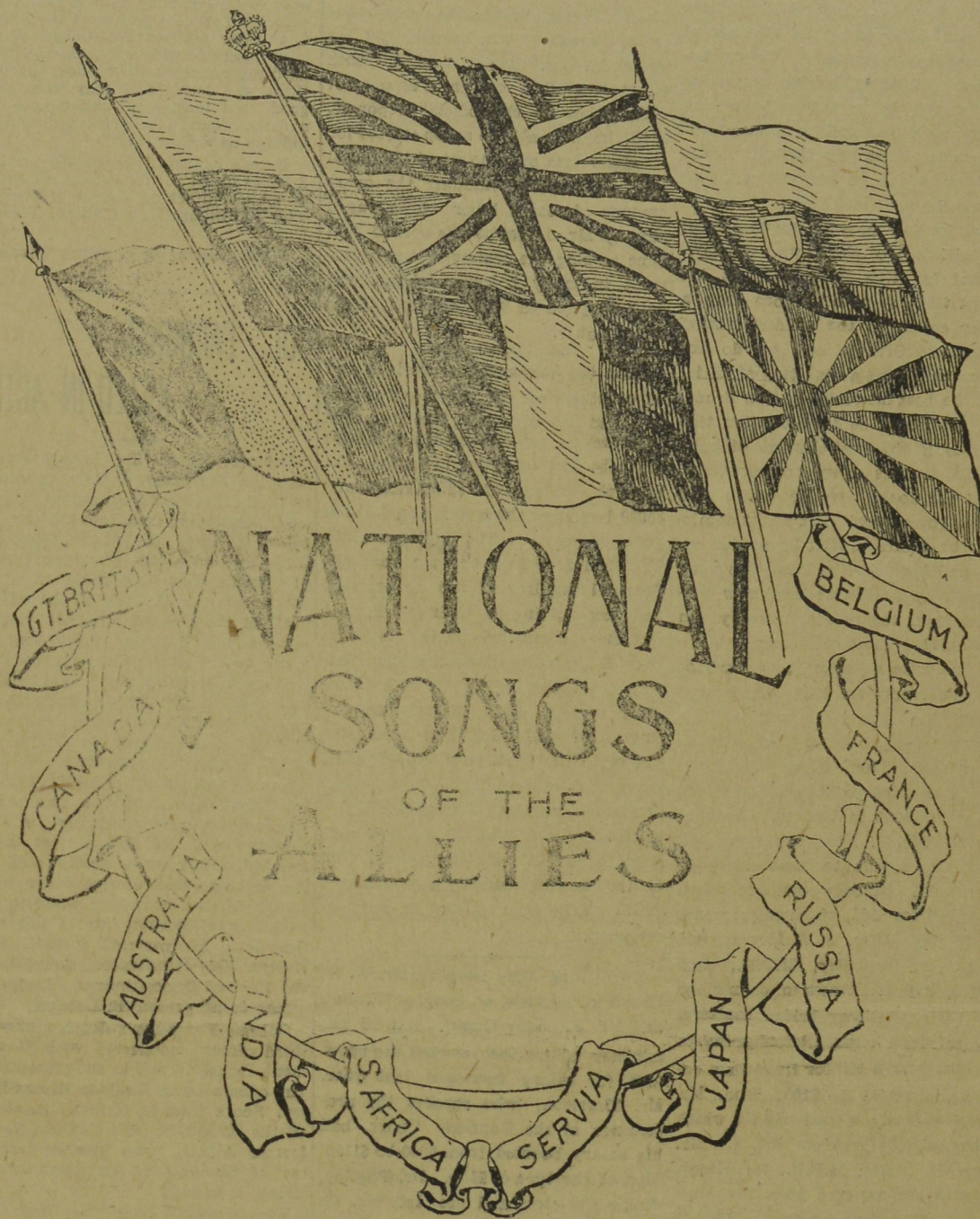
Among the passengers was W. P. McLure, textile manufacturer, with offices at No. 1,163 Broadway. He went to Europe six weeks ago on board the Lusitania and obtained orders in France and England for a large quantity of uniforms, subject to quick delivery. He said the general impression among army officials was that the war would be ended decisively in favor of the Allies by August.

"There is a vast amount of specialized exports from this country to Europe," he said. "They are mostly war supplies of different kinds. General business, however, is bad."

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Be a column conductor on the Congressional Record;

Yell "Hurrah for the Kaiser!" at a meeting of the Russian Wrestling Club;

Shout "Three cheers for Kitchener!" at a Dutch smoker given by a German Boxing Society;

Tip an English waiter with an Austrian coin;

Start for the Fair on a second-hand bicycle;

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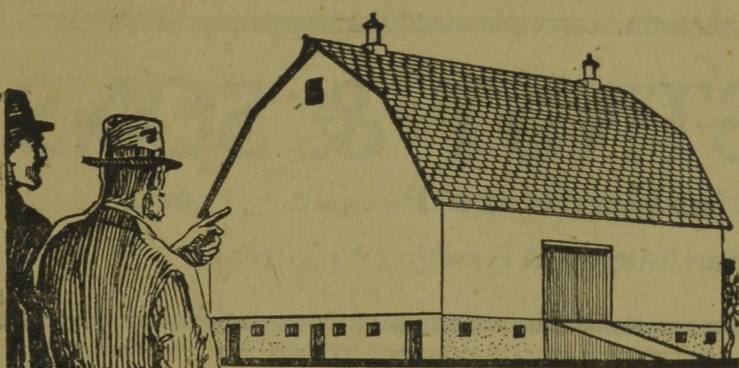
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