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MR ALLEN'S LETTER.

Canadians Had a Good Look at Lord Roberts and Were Warmly Congratulated by Him.

NORTH WEST MOUNTED POLICE CARRY OFF THE PALM AMONG THE COLONIALS.

Our Men Heartily Cheered on Marching Through London Streets.

CONTINGENT HEARS THE NEWS OF KING'S ILLNESS AND POSTPONE-MENT OF THE CORONATION.

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(From the Herald's staff correspondent with the Canadian contingent.)

Alexandra Palace, London, G. B., June 25.

The men of the various colonial contingents are enjoying life in the world's metropolis and will long entertain pleasant recollections of their sojourn here.

Troops from the four quarters of the globe are living under canvas and the different races with their many varieties of uniforms make a wonderful aggregation. A party of 22 Maoris from far off New Zealand, came in on Saturday and made complete the colonial force. They are strapping big fellows, brown in color and all are able to speak good English. Undoubtedly the Maoris make the finest appearance of any of the many colored troops assembled here. The Fiji Islands are represented by a contingent of about thirty men and they probably attract more attention from visitors than any of the others. In color they are like the ordinary negro but there the similarity ends. They wear dark military jackets, and a white skirt extending down to the knees. Their hair stands straight up like that of a Circassian lady, and is dyed a yellowish hue. They wear no headdress and go barefooted.

The colored individuals in the odd looking white gowns which I referred to in a previous letter are gun carriers from the gold coast of Africa. When on parade they carry a small field gun in pieces. Two men go about with a wheel each on top of their heads, and the others carry the remaining parts in the same way. The troops from different parts of India such as the Royal Bengal Lancers and the Sikhs are uniformed in khaki, and the colored men from the West Indies wear a bright uniform of yellow and red, with short jackets and bloomers.

The biggest event we have witnessed here so far was the grand military tattoo on Saturday night. It was in the nature of a reception to the colonial troops and was attended by fully one hundred thousand people. Talk about crowds, the like was never before seen in Alexandra Park. They began to arrive at three o'clock in the afternoon and by eight o'clock when the show was billed to commence, the grounds were literally alive with people. They swarmed over the terraces and walks and when the troops fell in it was found impossible to manoeuvre them. When darkness came on each man was supplied with a torch and they performed the march past, or rather attempted it, in fours. There were mounted police and soldiers from the regular army, whose duty it was to keep the crowd back, but they were compelled at last to give up the job in disgust. From a spectacular standpoint the show was a dead failure, but the crowd was good natured and didn't seem to mind it. They came to see the Colonials and they saw and applauded them. No less than eight bands took part, among the number being those from the Coldstream Guards, the Irish Guards, the London Scottish, the two Canadian bands and the Palace band. The troops were formed in one long line and an effort was made to advance them to the music of the British Grenadiers, but they collided with the crowd after moving forward only four paces. There was one part of the show that was a decided success, and that was the fireworks display at the close. It was something magnificent and no mistake. They were exploded simultaneously on different parts of the grounds and the

effect was grand. An illuminated portrait of the King, fully twenty feet high, came first and was very heartily cheered. Then came a great number of sky rockets which sent forth myriads of sparks of various colors. Following this came portraits of Lord Kitchener and Hon Joseph Chamberlain, which seemed to please the crowd immensely. In the centre of a small lake in rear of the palace a skeleton fence had been erected for the best pieces and on this many strange and remarkable dances were shown. One huge piece burned for fully ten minutes and made a shower of sparks resembling a water fall. The grand finale brought out the words in large letters "Welcome to our brave Colonial troops." This was cheered again and again and afterwards the crowd quietly dispersed.

On Sunday morning the Colonials attended divine service in the great auditorium of the palace and listened to a very able sermon by a chaplain of the regular army. The music was furnished by a choir of 450 voices, the accompaniment being played on a pipe organ fifty feet high. In his list of announcements the preacher stated that each member of the Colonial contingent would receive as a present, a copy of the new testament from the Soldier's Auxiliary Association, and that the Archbishop of Canterbury would preach to them on the Sunday following.

The men had Sunday afternoon to themselves and it is needless to say made the most of it. Some went to the British museum, the finest by long odds in the world, some went to the Zoo, and a goodly number spent the afternoon about the park flirting with the girls. The camp was thronged with visitors all day long, and they appeared to take the keenest delight in watching the men of the various Colonial contingents.

On Monday morning the troops paraded in drill order and had their first route march. They left camp at 9.30, returning at noon after making a tour of the principal north end streets. The people turned out in large numbers and gave the colonial boys a most courteous reception at every point.

Yesterday morning, (Tuesday) there was an inspection by Lord Roberts, Commander in chief, and His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught. It was a full dress parade and every officer and man of the colonial forces was in his place. The troops were formed up in one long line, extending over a mile in length. The Commander in Chief was received with a royal salute and afterwards, with the members of his staff, walked up and down the lines closely scrutinizing each member of the contingents and it is hardly necessary to add got scrutinized himself, as everybody wanted a good look at the famous little general. After the inspection there was a march past in fours, the steps of the palace being utilized as a saluting base. The inspection over, the officers of the contingents were presented to Lord Roberts and he had a pleasant word to say to each. The proceedings were watched by a large crowd of spectators, and "Bobs" great popularity with the English public was attested by frequent cheering, indeed every time the crowd caught a glimpse of him they would cheer and wave their hats or handkerchiefs and the famous general would politely bow his acknowledgements. Lord Roberts, as all readers of the Herald very well know, is very small in stature and wears a mustache and goatee, almost white in color. Though well advanced in years he walks with a springing rather than nervous step, and seems to carry his years wonderfully well. The contrast between him and the Duke of Connaught who walked by his side down the lines was very striking indeed.

Among those who watched the inspection by "Bobs," was Hon. Dr. Borden Canada's minister of militia and defence. He afterwards personally inspected the men of the Canadian contingent and warmly congratulated them on the fine showing made. He also gave them to understand that Lord Roberts had intimated to him that he (Roberts) had been pleased with the appearance of the Canadians and also with their steadiness on parade. The ministers' address though very brief was closely listened to and the men gave him three hearty cheers.

At noon yesterday word reached the camp that the King's health was in such a condition that it would be impossible to carry out the coronation program as arranged. There were so many rumors flying about in regard to the matter, that the troops were loath to accept the information at first, but confirma-

tion was furnished in an order cancelling a rehearsal parade for the afternoon and also by the evening papers. Bad news circulates quickly, and it was not long before the men in all the contingents were discussing the affair and anxiously enquiring for the latest information from the bedside of the royal patient. We know now that the coronation has been postponed indefinitely, but there has been nothing definite as yet decided upon in regard to the colonial contingents. It is possible there will be a military procession and the troops will immediately afterwards, no doubt, return to their homes, as it will be next to impossible for many of the men to remain here longer than the time agreed upon, much as they would like to do so. The big naval review at Spithead, which was being looked forward to with keen anticipation by the Canadians, has already been cancelled. There is universal disappointment over the unexpected turn of events, but none feels it more keenly than His Royal Highness himself. Most of the people and firms who went to great expense in erecting stands about the streets for spectators, are not going to lose very much by the transaction; the loss will have to be made good by Lloyds, who are carrying insurance policies on most of them.

The Colonials had a great route march this morning through the streets of London. The dismounted men hoofed it a distance of eight miles and were a trifle weary when they got back to the palace. The weather was very hot and close, and there was more work about it than play. The two bands headed the Canadian contingent, and the London Scottish played for the dismounted men of the other contingents. The streets were thronged with spectators and the boys got a splendid reception. The mounted men of the various contingents, about 1,500 in all, went by a different route and took in a good part of the city. Upon returning to camp they rode through the infantry lines, four abreast, and arranged in the order they are to take in the coronation procession should it come off. The men of the Northwest Mounted Police, who are to act as an escort to Sir Wilfred Laurier, rode next to the King's colonial body guard and a fine showing they make. They were easily the peers of the whole cavalcade, the dandies of them all, and were applauded on all sides. The mounted men of the contingents readily yield the palm to the riders from the Canadian prairies, the finest horsemen in the world. They are top notchers, every one of them, and they all sit in their saddles like statues. The men from Strathcona's Horse and the Canadian Dragoons are good horsemen, but they don't pretend to be in the same class with the Northwest Mounted force, and the Australians and South Africans take off their hats to them. The horses for the contingent were brought from Aldershot and some of them are rather new to the business. Yesterday an Australian was thrown and had a leg broken, and this morning a couple of South African chaps were seriously injured. So far the Canadians have escaped casualties.

At noon today Lord Dundonald, the famous cavalry officer who is to command the Canadian militia, inspected the camp of the Canadians. He is a fine looking man, tall and straight, with dark hair and mustache, tinged with grey, and impressed all most favorably. He was in civilian dress and was accompanied by Col. Pallat.

Rev. G. F. Scovil at one time stationed at Prince William, but now connected with a church at St. John, is enjoying a well earned vacation in England and has paid several visits to the Canadian camp. He has been very kind to the boys from New Brunswick and they appreciate it very much. The rev. gentleman is arranging to leave for home on July 1st.

It is now known for certain that the military show is off, and already the troops from outside points are leaving the city. The Canadians are under orders to sail from Liverpool on the Allan Line Tansiean July 3rd and should arrive in Quebec by the 12th.

R. P. A.

SUMMER BABIES.

Summer babies should be brought up on health-giving Lactated Food which is strongly recommended by our best physicians. Lactated Food is the only safe and pure food for the little ones in hot weather. It is a preventative of cholera infantum, dysentery and diarrhoea. Makes puny and weak babies strong and happy. Ask your druggist for Lactated Food; take no other.

STEAMERS IN COLLISION.

Boston, July 7.—The steamer Cumberland, which left here today for Portland, Me., and St John, was compelled to return because of a collision with the United Fruit Company's steamer Admiral Farragut, below Boston light. The Cumberland was considerably damaged, but succeeded in reaching her dock and landing her passengers.

Efforts were made to stop the hole in the Cumberland's side with bedding and other material and it was hoped to patch her up so that she could go on the ways at high tide. The plans adopted, however, did not work successfully, and when the tide came in the steamer filled rapidly and tugs could not float her. At high tide only two feet of her paddle box were visible. The damage to the cargo will be heavy.

The St. Croix will make the Cumberland's return trip from St. John on Wednesday stopping only at Eastport. One of the other big boats, probably the Penobscot, will be assigned to the Cumberland's route while she is undergoing repairs.

It will be five or six weeks before the Cumberland can be ready for service. Surveys will be made on both steamers and a board of inquiry will determine the responsibility for the accident.

The loss to the Eastern Steamship Co., including repairs, loss of revenue and other expenses, will approach \$100,000. The Farragut will require a few thousand dollars for repairs.

Wretched Hot Weather Sufferers.

PAINE'S CELERY COMPOUND

SHOULD BE USED IN JULY AND AUGUST.

The extraordinary variable spring and early summer weather of the present year has been the cause of a vast amount of sickness in every part of our country. Strong men and women have been victims; the weak, rundown and sickly have suffered intensely, and many families now mourn the loss of near and dear ones.

The nervous, weak, rundown and debilitated should now devote their best energies and attention to health building, so as to enable them to withstand the enervating effects of the approaching hot weather.

The use of Paine's Celery Compound will soon bring a return of true physical strength; the nerves will be fed and braced; the blood will be made purer and richer; digestion will be corrected, and sweet refreshing sleep will take the place of insomnia and irritability.

Paine's Celery Compound is doing a marvellous work for the sick and suffering at this time. It is the only medicine that possesses value and virtue for recruiting the strength and spent energies of weekly and sick people in summer time. The trial of one bottle will give you happy results.

Johnny—Pa, why do they call them grass widows? Pa—It is because they are supposed to be for-lawn, my son; but quite frequently it is living in clover to what it was before they became grass widows.

YOUNG AND OLD LOVE IT.

A Prominent Newspaper Proprietor Speaks About

MALT BREAKFAST FOOD

He Finds it the Most Satisfactory Cereal Food Ever Used in His House.

Mr. R. A. Fraser, the popular proprietor of "The Delta News," of Ladner, B. C., says: "We have used Malt Breakfast Food in our house for some time and have found it to be the most satisfactory cereal food that we have used and there is very little danger of any other finding its way in while we can get Malt Breakfast Food. It furnishes a delicious dish and its strengthening qualities are beneficial to the worker. I can recommend it with pleasure." See your Grocer.

Bessie, said her mother, did you peel your apple, as I told you to do, before eating it? Yes, mother, replied Bessie. And what did you do with the peel? Oh, I ate that afterwards.

Dying By Slow Degrees.

Although not always aware of it yet thousands die by slow degrees of catarrh. It first attacks the nose or throat, then the lungs, and finally spreads all through the system. Catarrh is the only remedy that will immediately prevent the spread of this awful disease. Every breath from the Inhaler kills thousands of germs, clears the throat and nose, aids expectoration and relieves the pain across the eyes. Catarrh eradicates every vestige of catarrh from the system, and is highly recommended also for Bronchitis, Asthma, Deafness and Lung Trouble. Price \$1.00; trial size 25 cts., all druggists. Polson & Co., Kingston, Ont.

Dr. Hamilton's Pills Cure Billiousness.

Kitty—Fred called me a dream last evening. Bertha—How funny! It was only last week Fred was telling me what awful dreams he had.

The Evils of Constipation.

This dangerous condition causes sick headache, abdominal pains, piles, and in severe cases, insanity and apoplexy. The most agreeable and satisfactory remedy is Ferrozone, which makes the bowels so well ordered that natural and unassisted action is established. It is mild and certain in action and never causes distress or inconvenience, and may be taken as long as required. Pains in the stomach and intestines, piles, biliousness and headache disappear at once when Ferrozone is used. Recommended and sold by Druggists, price 50c. Sold by C. A. Burchill.

No Pills like Dr. Hamilton's.

Mrs. A. Cockerline and her four-year-old daughter, of North Bay, Ont., were burned to death Sunday, and her young son probably fatally burned. The explosion of a lamp set fire to the house.

Is Your Back Lame.

Does it hurt to stoop or bend down? Have you a heavy dull pain at the base of the spine? If so, the best remedy is Nerviline; it will invigorate the tired, sore muscles, make them supple and strong. Nerviline will drive out the pain and make you well in no time. Nothing so good as Nerviline for Lumbago, Stiff Neck, Rheumatism, Neuralgia and Sciatica. Buy a 25c. bottle of Polson's Nerviline today and try it.

Dr. Hamilton's Pills cure Constipation.

A severe earthquake shock was felt at Salonica, European Turkey, Saturday afternoon. Many houses were wrecked and there was much loss of life. Particulars of the disaster have not yet been received.

Don't Forget About Your Corns.

Cure them in one night by an application of Putnam's Painless Corn and Wart Extractor. It is sure, safe, painless, and guaranteed to cure or your money back. Refuse a substitute.

Mrs Church—Did you ever catch your husband flirting? Mrs Gotham—That's the way I did catch him.

"I'll teach you to make love to my daughter!" "What's the use? She has already taught me."

Batoche Recalled.

In 1885 there was a little rebellion in the Canadian Northwest. A force of Canadian militia, commanded by Gen. Middleton, of the regular British army, hemmed Riel and his half-breeds and Indians up in the little hamlet of Batoche. Then Gen. Middleton sighed for a regiment of regular British troops. He was afraid to let the "raw Canadians" go in and do up the enemy as they proposed. They begged to be permitted to end the daily skirmishing by a charge; but Middleton knew that "raw troops" could not be depended upon; he knew that the result would be panic and disaster, and he proposed to remain in front of Batoche, to besiege it, to shell it, and to starve the half-breeds into submission. Finally, one fine day, the Canadians, tired of the sniping and tomfoolery, went in on their own account, without the knowledge or permission of the wise old regular general. The battle was over in a few minutes, Batoche was captured, and the enemy was killed, captured, or dispersed. They say that old Middleton put up a fine brand of wrathful indignation when he discovered that the Canucks had proved that he didn't know his business, so far as handling "raw Canadian troops" was concerned; but he finally concluded not to court-martial and shoot his army, and the incident passed, says the Hamilton Spectator.

Lever's Y-Z (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder is a boon to any home. It disinfects and cleans at the same time.