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Servia Scores Heavily—Russians Abandon Lodz

Summary of News from Seat of War

Sunday. Despatches from Petrograd say that the bloodiest and most pitiless fight of the war has occurred south-east of Lodz where strong German forces, which had penetrated to Tuszisz, were surrounded and had to fight their way to the main body. Russians made repeated counter-attacks but the Germans cut a passage at the bayonet point for fifteen miles. The fight lasted for thirty-six hours. Ninety per cent. of the German officers were killed, and many regiments were reduced to less than one hundred men. Fighting east of the river Warthe indicates that the Germans have been heavily reinforced. They are holding their positions and inflicting great damage to the Russians.

Berlin officially denies the report of the bombardment of the Krupp works by foreign aviators.

Despatch to Paris from Rome declares that all Italy is upset at news of the revolt in Fezzan following declaration of Moslem holy war against Christians. It is stated that the Italian cabinet has notified the Sublime Porte that Italy will enter the war on the side of the Triple Entente if it considers Turkey responsible for the uprising.

Daily Mail correspondent at Petrograd says, Germans to north-west of Lowiez have abandoned their active defensive under pressure from Russians who are well above Plock on left bank of Vistula. All German columns north of Lodz are now falling back towards the frontier.

Monday. General Sir John French and his British forces made doubly memorable the official visit of King George to the British trenches on Saturday by a dashing offensive movement in which the Germans were driven back along the whole British front from Dixmunde to the river Lys. North of the Lys the British charged from their trenches at day-break and fell pell-mell upon the Germans first line of earthworks, swarming into it in face of terrific fire. Down they went among the Germans with cold steel, thrusting, jabbing and beating down the enemy right and left. When the first trench was chock-full with gonging, tearing, khaki and grey figures, fighting, dying and dead, the oncoming rear ranks swept over the top of the mass and did not stop until the second line of entrenchments had been taken. The British fought like demons. The Germans were so stunned by the audacity of the attack that there was no effort to retrieve their losses at this point. Unofficial accounts of the charge place the German losses at one half of those engaged. British lost heavily but not nearly so heavily as the enemy.

The Turkish cruiser Hamedieh has struck a mine and returned to Constantinople badly damaged, according to Russian official news. Advices say that Russian warships have sunk six Turkish sailing vessels laden with war supplies.

Paris correspondent of London Times says: "I have reason to believe that French have seriously interfered with German communications between Metz and the Woevre." Their long range guns some days ago destroyed a German convoy which was entering Pagny, near Metz, and now the bombardment of Arneville, ten miles south-west of Metz, has cut the line serving the German railway head at Thiancourt.

Tuesday. Germans delivered violent attacks today on trenches recently captured by the Allies but were repulsed. Germans have been obliged to substitute lighter guns for their heavy artillery as inundations have made the use of latter worthless.

South of Crocow, the Russians are advancing steadily, while their movement into Hungary progresses at a satisfactory rate. Official news of the decisive results of the Russian campaign may now be expected at anytime. It is unofficially reported that Russians have captured Lodz.

According to a despatch from Belgian frontier, the Germans are sending troops who have been weeks on the Yser front to the east, replacing them with fresh troops. They have two corps of reserves drawn up on the Dutch frontier, fearing that when the great assault by the Allies comes, German troops may cross into Holland seeking internment.

Wednesday. A London telegram says the German divisional headquarters was removed from Roulers when shells began to fall in the town, after the British had recaptured Passchendaele, eleven miles north-east of Ypres. This indicates a distinct and important advance by the Allies. According to an official communication from Paris, a violent German attack on Stelloy, south of Ypres, has been repulsed. A heavy bombardment of the Belgian coast between Ostend and Nieuport by British warships began at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon in conjunction with land forces.

A Petrograd despatch states that German aviators continue to drop bombs on Lodz. The town hall, three large factories and forty-seven houses have been destroyed. Stubborn fighting has occurred near Batum, a port on the Black Sea. Turkish forces attempted to prevent advance of Russian troops and were routed with heavy loss. In district of Kieice in Poland two German trains loaded with pyroxylin shells collided and were destroyed. There were no survivors.

Three German Cruisers Sunk by British Squadron

British Cruisers Goodhope and Monmouth Avenged

London, Dec. 10.—A British squadron under the command of Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee engaged a German squadron under Admiral Count Von Spee, off the Falkland Islands, in Southern Atlantic, on Tuesday last and won a victory that is being acclaimed throughout England. The armored cruisers Scharnhorst and Gneisenau and the protected cruiser Leipzig, three of the German warships which have been menacing British shipping, and part of the squadron which sunk the British cruisers Goodhope and Monmouth, off the coast of Chili, on November 1, were destroyed. The cruisers Dresden and Nuremberg, the other two vessels of the German squadron, got away during the fighting, deserting the three cruisers which were sunk. According to latest accounts these vessels are being pursued by British warships. Two coaling vessels were also captured. The loss of life was very heavy, only a few of the crew of each ship being rescued.

The cruiser Scharnhorst was completed in 1908 and had a displacement of 11,420 tons. Her armament consisted of eight 8.2-in., six 5.9-in., twenty 3.4-in., and fourteen smaller guns, and four torpedo tubes. Her complement was 764 men. The Gneisenau was of the same class as the Scharnhorst. The Leipzig was a third class cruiser completed in 1906. Her displacement was 3200 tons and complement 286 men.

A despatch from Pretoria via London says: "Circumstances which led the government to announce that General Christian Beyers, the rebel leader, had been killed, were made public today. It appears that during a sharp engagement on the banks of the Vaal, Beyers with others attempted to cross the river. They were fired upon and Beyers was seen to fall from his horse. His body drifted down stream and disappeared under water. A search is being made for his body. General Beyers was the only important rebel leader at large.

Thursday. The Servian legation makes public a report from military headquarters to effect that the Servian army has won a complete victory resulting in the recapture of the towns of Valjevo and Usnitza in Servia, and the rout of two Austrian corps. The report says the Austrians abandoned everything, even their treasury chest. Servians took 20,000 prisoners, fifty cannon and large quantities of rifles, machine guns and munitions of every description.

Three German merchantmen were sunk last Sunday by British or Japanese warships off coast of Terra Del Fuego, southernmost point of South America, according to advices just received at Buenos Ayres.

The evacuation of Lodz by the Russians is admitted in communication from Petrograd. Statement adds Russians did not lose a man when position was given up.

Jottings of Bella Coola and District

S.S. Chelohsin arrived in port on Wednesday about 5 p. m., bringing an unusual large consignment of freight for the local merchants.

Mr. John Jorgenson has returned from a business trip to Vancouver. He reports business as being very slack indeed and predicts a hard winter for many who are out of employment.

Charley Lord, net-man at the local cannery, came up on the last steamer after a short visit to friends in Vancouver. He will spend the remainder of the winter here.

The new premises to be occupied as post office and telegraph station are now practically completed and postmaster Landry expects to transfer his office in the course of the next few days.

A PUBLIC MEETING

for the discussion of matters of local and provincial interest will be held at the Mackenzie School ON MONDAY, 14TH INST., at 7:30 p. m.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

Mr. Pete Berg of Hagensborg, visited town on Wednesday returning to his ranch the same day.

Skating parties are now the order. Both at Aytoun Ranch and on Mrs. J. Clayton's land on the south side of the Bella Coola river, the ice is in excellent condition.

On Wednesday, December 9th, to Mrs. Robert Holte, at the home of her mother Mrs. J. Nygaard, a daughter.

Mrs. Nygaard is now the proud possessor of twenty-seven grandchildren.

The Lysdahl Sewing Circle held a successful sale of work at the lower Bella Coola School on Saturday last. The attendance was large and that the efforts of the ladies were fully appreciated is evidenced by the fact that the proceeds amounted to the goodly sum of \$160. An excellent musical program and a sumptuous lunch added much to the pleasure of the occasion.

On Monday evening a public meeting was held at the Colony Hall, Hagensborg, for the purpose of discussing matters of local and provincial interest. At 7:30 p. m., Mr. B. Brynildsen, president of the local Liberal Association, opened the meeting with a few well chosen remarks, during which he explained the political truce which had been entered into by the leaders of the two great parties in Canada. He showed how the Liberals had faithfully observed the truce, but went on to state that the discussion of provincial matters and matters of the tariff could not be taken as a violation of the truce. The next speaker, Mr. H. L. Harris, stated that every elector in Canada had a sacred patriotic duty to perform. In British Columbia we found ourselves in the unenviable position of being unable to properly assist the Empire in the provision of food stuffs, being compelled to import huge quantities of agricultural produce for our home consumption which should and could be raised within the province. This condition the speaker traced to the utter indifference with which the Mc-Bride government had treated the claims of the actual settler. Dealing with the machine methods of the present administration, it was shown that the members of the legislature themselves were not in the confidence of the government, which fact was proven by the utterly false statements as to the finances of the province made by Wm. Manson, M. P. P., on the occasion of his last appearance on a public platform in this place. The speaker emphasized his opinion that Mr. Manson, while being utterly incapable of fulfilling his duties as representative of the Skeena district, was at the same time incapable of uttering a deliberate falsehood, and that there was little doubt that he had only stated what he himself had been led to believe to be true by those at the head of affairs. "We are governed by a twin autocracy and have lost the last vestige of political liberty. Machine candidates are foisted on to the people and they are no longer allowed to put forward to represent them men of their own choosing." An invitation was extended to any local Conservative to discuss with the speaker the Conservative platform, but was not accepted. T. A. McGarrigle, B. A., delivered an interesting address on

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SATURDAY, DEC. 12, 1914.

What Return for Our Money?

Fifteen thousand men are said to be out of employment in the city of Vancouver. The government are unable to do anything to alleviate the situation, but have graciously granted to the city the privilege of clearing government land. This the city has undertaken to do and today the work is being proceeded with, providing work for a large number of men. In order to undertake this work the city has found it necessary to curtail expenses in other channels and has reduced the wages of the city police and firemen. The question might well be asked, "Why does not the government clear its own land, and add the expense incurred to the price of the land to the ultimate buyer?" When the question of providing for the unemployed in Victoria was put to Sir Richard McBride by a deputation consisting of the mayor and several aldermen, the premier observed how world-wide the problem was. Poor Sir Richard. British Columbia is so small her problems of such minor importance and his task as premier such a sinecure that he feels he is wasted. He longs for world-fame. However, he eventually dismissed the deputation with the statement that the government was giving the matter careful consideration. Which matter was receiving this consideration, whether this world-wide problem, or the conditions obtaining in the province, Sir Richard did not say.

Sir Richard is always very non-committal. He has cultivated a faculty of talking by the hour and saying nothing. Since he came back from his recent trip to London, he has done considerable talking, but never as yet has he told us why he went there or what he accomplished. We read that he conferred with Premier Asquith, Earl Kitchener, Winston Churchill, Sir Edward Grey, etc., etc., on "matters affecting Canada's position in the Empire in respect of the war," and conveyed the "sentiment of the loyal determination of the Dominion to nobly play its part and discharge every obligation which rests upon it in the present unparelled crisis."

This all in the space of five days. This is probably correct, as we cannot imagine any of these men being anxious to spend much time with Sir Richard at this juncture. But surely it was not for this express purpose that he went. Imagine all the provincial premiers in the Dominion hiking off to England to talk such stuff. What do you think would happen to them? Only Sir Richard has gall enough for that. But even he has no right to speak officially for Canada. That requires not a provincial premier but a representative of the national government.

What the public would like to know and should know, therefore, is whether Sir Richard accomplished anything in London which will benefit the province. Did he succeed in raising the necessary funds to prosecute public works and so relieve the deplorable conditions in our cities? Surely the taxpayer, on whose money Sir Richard enjoys travelling, is entitled to some return for his money, even if only an interesting story.

The Prodigals.

The government has been repeatedly charged with prodigality, and no statement by the premier or any of his ministers, much less the members of the legislature, has answered the charge to the satisfaction of the taxpayers of the province.

For several years the public generally seems to have been obsessed of the idea that their sole duty in life was to "get rich quick." This idea seems to have permeated through the members of our government, individually and collectively, to our civic bodies and on through to the vast majority of our citizens. In the mad race for wealth every other consideration was forgotten. Conservation of our natural resources; the safeguarding of our provincial credit, the laying of the foundation for our future prosperity by encouraging land settlement; all were forgotten. So those responsible for the proper administration of our provincial affairs became blinded. They were satisfied to fill the treasury, no matter by what

means. Taxation was increased as far as was dared. This was not enough. They had the gold fever and could not stop. Our timber was sold off right and left, bringing in good round sums. The treasury began to fill up. Nothing succeeds like success, so they alienated our mineral, oil and coal lands, and finally handed over one third of the arable land in the province, comprising the best and most accessible, to speculators at 50c. per acre, balance payable not this year or next year, but sometime or never. In this way, and in this way alone, did the McBride government fulfill their boast of having raised the province from bankruptcy. How we have borrowed and spent and are again on the verge of bankruptcy is another story. British Columbia is reaping just as she has sown, and nowhere in our vast Dominion are the people confronted with such knotty problems. It might be truly said of our government during the six or eight years, that their consciences were seared as with a hot iron, and they knew not what they did.

In British Columbia we have a government of the people, for the people, by the people. At least it is so claimed by people close to the government itself. So that our government is but a reflex of the people themselves; which brings us to the unhappy conclusion that the people have only themselves to blame. If they are suffering through unemployment, or by excessive taxation, such punishment is entirely self-inflicted. Of course there are exceptions but they only go to prove the rule.

What about our civic bodies? Exactly the same thing applies. The large majority of the people including the mayor and aldermen, were in the real estate business. Property values were boomed out of sight and it was thought they would never come down. But the further a thing has to drop the harder will it fall, and in the case of Vancouver real estate, great indeed has been the fall thereof. But the main object was to raise money and spend it to increase property

values. Work was done that would not have been necessary for another ten years to come, but what of that. Property was made marketable and certain people became rich. This is all past and people now have time, in between financing on this property to meet a payment on that; to think seriously and repentantly.

It will not be long until the people of the province will have yet another opportunity of electing a business government of honest men. Will they neglect it again? Or will they decide to dispense with the present aggregation, which has been rightfully described a "government of auctioneers."

The local Conservative association seems to have taken on a new lease of life. There was a time when it looked as if the local machine had battered itself to pieces. But a new driving wheel was shipped in from the machine shop at Victoria. Old parts have been strengthened and the whole machine well lubricated with numerous promises of wonderful things, and things seem to be running smoothly once more. The recruiting officers of the Conservative party, most of them government officials, have been hard at work and from all accounts their efforts have met with considerable success. "Get in with the boys and they will look after you." This is the latest dodge. If a man wants a piece of land or a day's employment on public works he must get in with the boys. After he joins the Conservative Association all things will be fully explained to him, providing he binds himself to secrecy. In these times, and by these methods, the Conservative Association is finding it easy to get recruits. Few, if any, of these men are prepared to give a reason for joining the Association, but there are some who are honest enough to admit that circumstances compelled them. They wanted work and were advised to "get in with the boys" and they dared not to disobey.

It is strange how few Conservatives there are in Bella Coola

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On the occasion of the visit by Messrs. Brewster and Oliver, our Conservative friends heard some facts about the McBride government which made them sit bolt upright. Serious charges were made and contradiction was invited. But nothing doing from the silent Conservatives. One of their leaders on being asked why he did not refute certain of these charges, was forced to reply that he did not know anything about them, but assured his hearers that if they would only patiently await the arrival of Wm. Manson, M. P. P. in the valley he would answer every charge to the satisfaction of everyone. These persons patiently waited. Mr. Manson came and the circumstances were carefully explained to him. He was urged by local Conservatives to hold a meeting and by boldly explaining the various matters referred to by Messrs. Brewster and Oliver, clear the atmosphere and at the same time confound the wicked Liberals. Mr. Manson did not hold a meeting, dared not. He had already in fear before the Liberal leaders at Prince Rupert and other places. So it is with our local Conservative leaders, they can never be brought into public discussion. There has been an invitation extended to a group of them to take the platform of a local Liberal and show what the McBride government has made one honest effort to carry out its pledges to the people contained in the party platform adopted in 1899, and reaffirmed at the Revelstoke convention in 1902. This invitation is open.

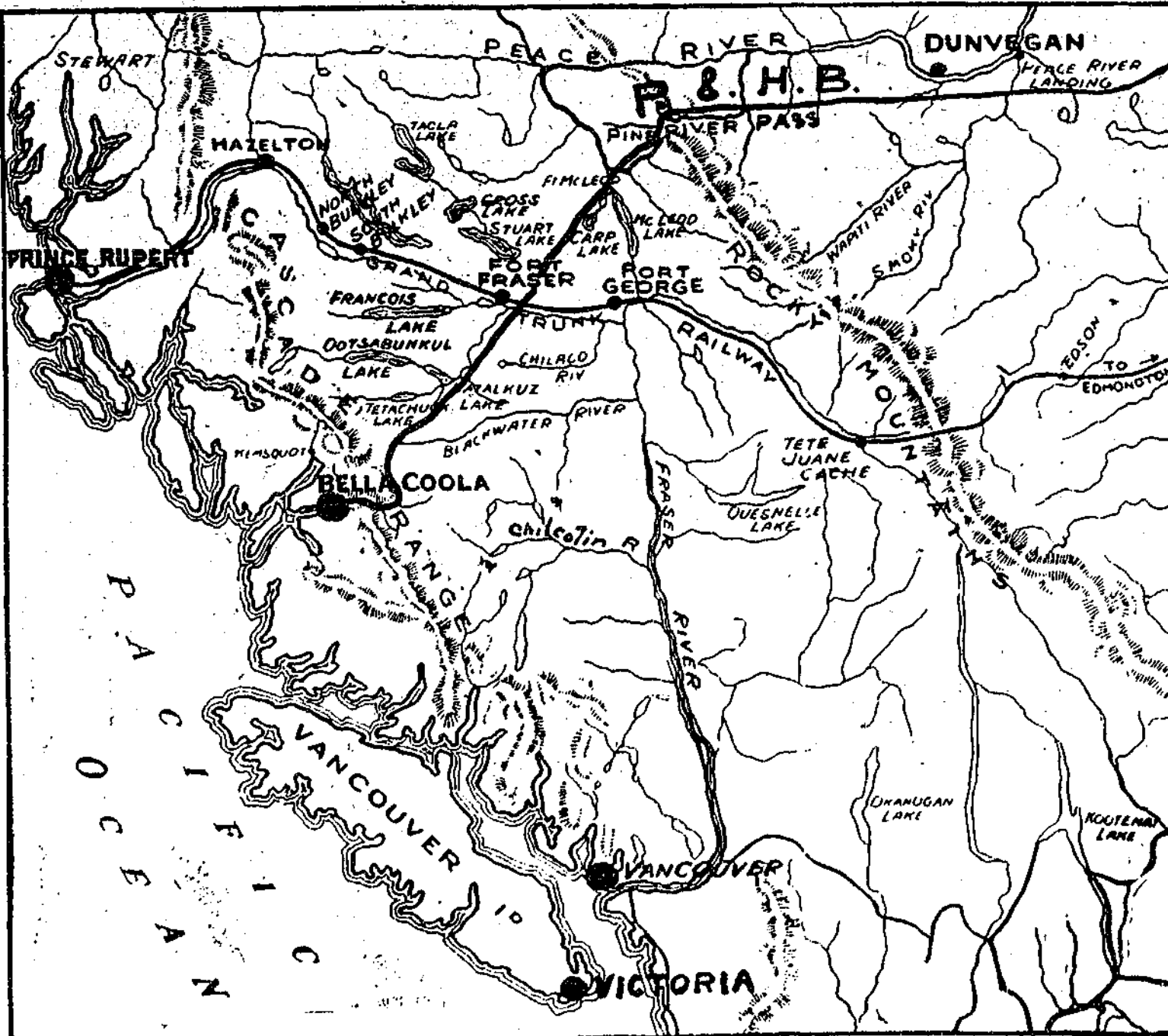
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Many interesting things have happened since I left Vancouver, not the least of which was our trip across the Atlantic. I could not begin to tell you all about it but can perhaps give you some idea. We sailed, that is, the 72nd Highlanders, on the "Audania" a 14,000 ton Cunarder. We left Quebec on September 30th and next morning woke up in Gaspe Bay, down the St. Lawrence, in the midst of a great fleet of thirty-two transports and five warships. The "Lapland," "Franconia" and "Virginian" were among them, just to give you an idea of the style we tra-



velled in. It really was most impressive. We left Gaspe Bay on the evening of the 3rd of October, stretched out in three great lines, the warships in the lead and on the flanks. As soon as night fell all port-holes were closed and we plunged through the seas absolutely dark, except for a single stern light on each ship. As we neared Europe more British warships would from time to time creep up over the horizon, showing what a strong guard we really had. They would slide down the great avenues of ships, dip their ensigns and disappear as silently as they had come. Finally, one morning a huge grey ship took up a position on our port flanks

and when for some reason the next day she came gliding up through the lines we made her out as one of the newest super-dreadnaughts, one of the Queen Mary class. She was the very incarnation of massive power. One could not imagine her as being sunk.

The weather all the way across was fine except for a blow that caught us off the south coast of Ireland. It was pretty stiff, but of course, having crossed Queen Charlotte Sound I could not very well admit that it was anything to speak of. Just the same I was glad when it was over and we sailed into the English Channel. The "Audania" is a fine boat. Our quarters were none too comfortable, being down on the lowest deck and with all the port-holes closed. It was much better than troops are generally provided with though our meals were awful, and as we were on the boat twenty-one days most of us were in poor shape. In spite of this the trip was one to be remembered.

We did not know where we were heading for and when we sighted the south coast of England the excitement became acute. Suddenly, as we caught sight of Eddystone lighthouse, the whole fleet came to a stop and we could see signal lights flashing through the mists from shore. Then we all changed our course and headed for Plymouth Sound and finally tied up at the docks of the Devonport navy yards. Soon after we learned the cause of our sudden change of course. Four German submarines were waiting for us off the Isle of Wight. It had been intended that we disembark at Portsmouth.

We were on the boat three days at Devonport, but finally disembarked at night, entrained and at about 2:30 a. m. arrived at a small place called Putney. From there we marched to camp about eight to ten miles with our full packs, arriving about 6:30 a. m. a mighty tired crowd.

Salisbury plain is just like a piece of Saskatchewan dropped into the middle of England, so it seemed almost like home. It has rained all the time since we arrived, but I don't mind much even though we are living in tents and a bath is almost unobtainable.

We are told that we may not go to the front till next spring, but hope to do better than that.

I hope to see Winn over here, but it is almost impossible to locate anyone. The Suffolk regiment has been terribly cut up at the front, but he may not be there at all. Several of the best British regiments, notably the Gordon Highlanders, have been practically annihilated. We may be needed sooner than some people expect.

D. E. CAMPBELL.

Many of our readers will remember Captain Winn. He and the late Mr. Thompson owned the power yacht Pysche, from which Mr. Thompson was drowned some five years ago.

Captain Winn spent several summers at Kimsquit, during which time he won the high esteem of a large circle of friends. It is with deep regret that we have lately learned that he has been killed in action. Capt. Winn belonged to the Suffolk regiment which has suffered very severe loss.—Editor.

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