

# The European War Situation as Shown by Press Dispatches

## CANADIAN VOLUNTEERS AMONG BRITAIN'S BEST

### No English Troops Except the Finest London Regiments Equal Them—Bank Presidents, Business Men, and Ex-Mayors Found With Cowboys and Woodsmen in Camp on Salisbury Plain, Which Reminds Them of Canadian Prairies.

(By Herbert Corey.)  
Salisbury Plain, England, Nov. 18.—We rode toward a little fire that glowed in the dusk. The scent of warm tired horses was in the air. From this hollow and that came the sound of equine bickering. The hills rose before us in long, even swells, and dropped into depressions in which a bunch of cattle might hide against a storm. Here and there tree plantations, at great distances from each other, might have been cottonwoods, nestling in the elbow of a creek in Alberta.

"Look it over," said the colonel of the Canadian contingent, "isn't it just like home?"  
That was precisely it. That was what made this camp of 20,000 Canadian volunteers so unalterably good to look at. That is why—or in part why—they are contented and happy. These rolling hills might be in Alberta or North Dakota or in another portion of that great west which the cattle man owned and the wheat grower seized. The horses, barely seen through the growing dark where they are tethered to their lines, might be the "cows" of one of those round-ups which are sentimentally regretted by every old cowpuncher. Even the great steam lorries, lumbering over the muddy roads with a train of transport wagons bumping behind, might pass for a "thrashing outfit" moving from one ranch to another after the day's work was done. A candle shining through the canvas walls of a tent attracted us. We stepped to the door. "So I told this mutt," said a voice that had not been formed by England's fogs, "you're a better to the other end of the table. Sabby! Don't you never let it jump on my bread no more."

British writers have referred to the Canadian contingent as more English than the English. That's pure humor. They are British in their loyalty to the empire and in their anxiety to get to the front, where the fighting is going on. Now and then one finds a homesick man who leans the snappy accents of his mates by broad English as a certain uncertainty as to his own. But the majority are from anywhere in that territory which stretches from Galveston to Hudson's Bay were to drop into that camp from an alrship, strally ignorant of his whereabouts, his first expression would be:

"Home at last!"  
Just Like Our Prairies.  
Everything adds to the illusion. Mounted men gallop over the Salisbury plains, which are like our rolling prairie in every respect except that the bunch grass here is lacking. They are chasing yearling steers. The horses have that choppy, mile-annihilating gallop of western horses. They are western boys. One might find an army wagon on the road. The driver hasn't the air of Thomas Atkins, set to driving a team. He poses himself differently. A martinet would say that his lines are not in the least do not wear that aspect of dignity and conservatism that distinguishes the horse of the British Isles. They

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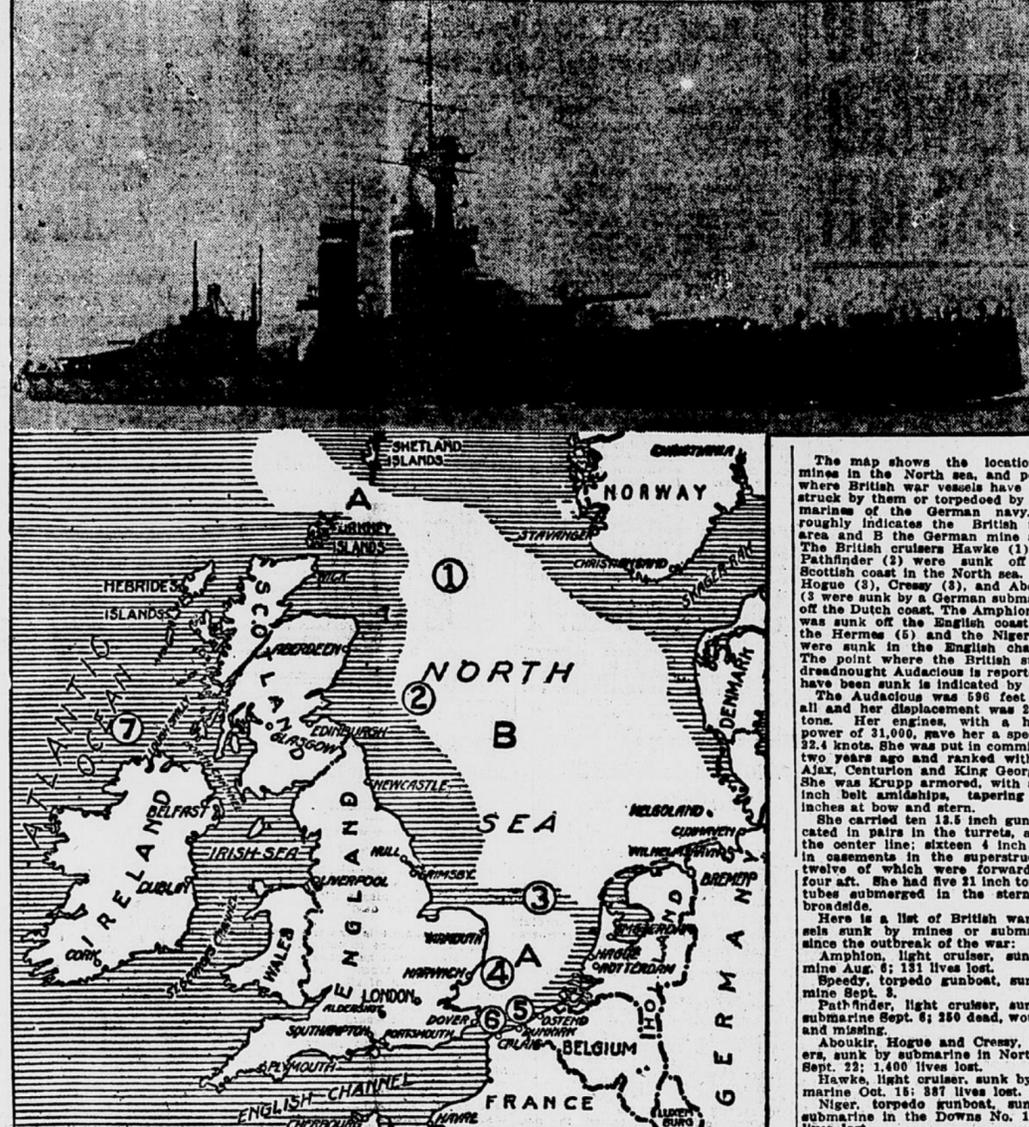
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## BRITISH SUPERDREADNOUGHT AUDACIOUS, BLOWN UP, AND MAP OF SIMILAR DISASTERS



The map shows the location of mines in the North sea, and points where British war vessels have been struck by them or torpedoed by submarines. The British cruisers Hawke (1) and Aboukir (2) were sunk off the Scottish coast in the North sea. The HMS 11 (3) was sunk off the English coast and the Hermes (6) and the Niger (8) were sunk in the English channel. The point where the British superdreadnought Audacious is reported to have been sunk is indicated by 7. The Audacious was 596 feet over all and her displacement was 24,000 tons. Her engines, with a horsepower of 31,000, gave her a speed of 32.4 knots. She was put in commission two years ago and ranked with the Ajax, Centurion and King George V. She was Krupp armored with a 12-inch belt amidships, tapering to 4 inches at bow and stern. She carried ten 12.5 inch guns, located in pairs in the turret, all on the center line; sixteen inch guns in casemates in the superstructure, twelve of which were forward and four aft. She had five 11 inch torpedo tubes submerged in the stern and four on the deck. Here is a list of British war vessels sunk by mines or submarines since the outbreak of the war: Amphinion, light cruiser, sunk by mine Aug. 6; 131 lives lost. Speedy, torpedo gunboat, sunk by mine Sept. 5. Panther, light cruiser, sunk by submarine Sept. 6; 350 dead, wounded and missing. Aboukir, Cressy and Hawke, cruisers, sunk by submarine in North sea Sept. 23; 1,400 lives lost. Hawke, light cruiser, sunk by submarine Oct. 15; 387 lives lost. Niger, torpedo gunboat, sunk by submarine in the Downs No. 12; no lives lost. Hermes, light cruiser, sunk by submarine Nov. 11; 40 lost. HMS 11, submarine, sunk by mine; 11 crew of 16 lost. Audacious, superdreadnought, sunk by mine or submarine Oct. 27.

Despite denials of British officials and the silence of the British press, it is now known that the superdreadnought Audacious, one of the big battleships of the British navy, was blown up by a mine or a torpedo off the north coast of Ireland, Oct. 27. Her crew was rescued by the White Star liner Olympic, which carried a large number of passengers. They were kept from going ashore for five days and before they were permitted to land they had promised they would not say a word about the disaster.

They are working hard. Three weeks on the steamships—because of a much criticised hitch in arrangements—left men and horses "sot." A "milk" man, who was in charge of the men, could hardly shoulder arms without a grunt. But they have been well handled here. A foot of soft turf covers the chalk rock that underlies all this section and makes an ideal cushion for the marching feet. The camp is supplied with piped water, the sanitary arrangements are excellent and it is fairly evident that the ground selected will be very healthy. It is true that the roads betray a weak-minded willingness to dissolve in mud under heavy transports and the frequent rains that have accompanied the artillery practice. The turf does not dry out as rapidly as could be asked. But the men are fit as fighting cocks.

And let me again emphasize the Americanism of the outfit. I do not mean Canadian Americanism or United States Americanism, but that Americanism that runs from the Mexican line north. They talk Texas talk and New York talk as well as Calgary talk and Toronto talk. While the chauffeur was cranking up for the start back to town I overheard an illuminating bit of dialogue. A tall private was wagging a long finger in the face of an individual who wore an apron of sacking and an air of violent innocence.

"You know what I did with a cook like you one time down on the White Star?" asked the tall private, his finger wagging viciously. "I just naturally made him eat his own grout. Yes, sir. He had his choice between his own biscuits and a saddle leather and he took the biscuits."

troops that can even be compared to them. It isn't any wonder. These men are Canada's first line.

"Did you ever hear of Reddell, A. Daniels?" asked a captain named Daniels.

The colonel in the carriage said he had. "It's a mighty progressive little town," said he.

"It's my town," said Daniels. "I'm an ex-mayor of it. Four of us were down from Minneapolis and started it."

The Canadians are full of fellows like that. In my first half hour I ran across a bank president—he explained that it was a rather small bank, but sound—and three or four lawyers and a few reporters and in three hours I was weary each way. That's a rotten waste.

Some of them are private farmers and some are officers. Off duty, the difference in rank didn't seem to bother any one except stray British officers. On duty, the men marched like veterans and drilled almost like circus Zouaves. They discussed the events of the war with an intelligence you could never find in the British regulars, even if they did run short sometimes in technical knowledge.

Salisbury Camp consists of four separate encampments, several miles apart, and about twenty miles from Salisbury Station. The automobile road—and the camp can only be reached by some sort of conveyance—runs through an English countryside of the sort one sees painted in picture galleries. The road is strung with little, old-world villages of thatched roofs and small-paned windows. They might have served as models for any one of Will Owen's sketches. The camp itself is in the famed English downs. In off seasons these hills are covered with black-faced sheep where today the Canadians do their six or eight hours a day of training.

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### STILES WANTED

Making Trip by Flatboat, But Failed to Pay for Lumber.

Mandan, N. D., Nov. 18.—F. J. Stiles, the Mandan painter and decorator, who left Bismarck a week or two ago in a flat boat, intending to make a trip to Miami, Fla., with his family, has been charged with obtaining money under false pretenses by North Star Lumber Co. for lumber for his house boat. Authorities in Pierre, S. D., believe they have the man wanted here and a description has been sent. It is claimed that Stiles used the name of F. M. Dolan in securing the lumber for his house boat.

### COLD LUNCHES

No Up-to-the-Minute Restaurant for Capital Building This Winter.

Bismarck, N. D., Nov. 18.—Superintendent of the capital building, Jacob Reifert, has a force of men busy at the present time preparing a room to be used as a restaurant during the session. In years gone by the cafe has been of a rather pretentious sort but on account of that fact that the rooms for the board of control take up the place formerly used as a kitchen. The members who don't care to go down town at noon will probably have to be contented with a cold lunch, or at the most hot coffee and sandwiches.

DIES SUDDENLY.

Culbertson, Mont., Nov. 18.—After being ill but a little over a week, Dr. Crawford Johnson of Culbertson, a pioneer physician of Sheridan county, died at a hospital at Havre where he had been taken for treatment. He leaves a wife and small child. He had friends all over the county who mourn his sudden demise.

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His brow was smooth, his eyes deep set, brown, clear. He had a short, curly black beard, which did not destroy the symmetry of his clean carved face. His nose was thin and straight, his nostrils sensitive. His mouth curved slightly downward, giving a touch of cruelty to features which were otherwise nobility itself.

She leaned anxiously toward her enforced teacher to catch every turn of the general Arab's face. "A Kiss, a Kiss!" the Arab gets it. Behind me a great shout of laughter rose. A tall, fine looking Arab had seized a young woman accompanying the arm, and, showing all his white teeth in a strange oriental smile, was repeating: "Comarade! Comarade! Kiss! Kiss!" His comports looked on at this scene disdainfully. But the Arab insisted. The crowd was intensely interested.

"Kiss him!" said some. "He won't hurt you. He says 'Comarade! Don't you understand?' Others said 'disgusting!' and turned away so as not to see the dark purplish lips finally pressed on that cheek, now violently pink.

Looks for More Prey.  
Immediately the Arab relinquished his confused and blushing prey and began elbowing through the throng, looking for more young Frenchwomen to kiss.

"There were even two who put themselves in his way. But he was passing with the air of a connoisseur. In the end all gave in, amid bursts of excited laughter from the onlookers; until at last his eyes fell on a young woman accompanied by her husband. The latter was a poor, frail, timid little man, too weak for military service. He hardly knew what to do.

HUNTER IS FINED.  
Dickinson, N. D., Nov. 18.—District Game Warden T. N. Hartung reports another conviction for hunting without a license, as a result of his endeavors to enforce the state game law. In Judge Folsom's court Saturday Joseph J. Katsch, of Zenith, pleaded guilty to the charge brought against him by Mr. Hartung, and was fined \$10.

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