

FIFTY THOUSAND CANADIANS ARE TRAINING TO GO TO FRONT

Fifty Thousand Men Who Saved the Day at Ypres Are Getting Ready to Go to the Front—This Will Be One of the Finest Trained Forces in the World.

(The Canadian camps at Witley and Bramshot, the largest in England, are the scenes of intensive training such as will probably be adopted in American training camps. These camps were visited in April for the first time by an American newspaper correspondent, who describes in a series of three articles the methods of training which American soldiers may expect.)

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Witley, England, April 16.—(By Mail)—Canada's part in the Great War is not nearly played. Fifty thousand brothers of the Canadians "who saved the day at Ypres" are here today, getting ready to carry on the share of the burden the Dominion has shouldered.

Spread out over the rolling hills of Surrey are the two greatest Canadian camps in all England. Here, in what was once a wilderness of pine and spruce and ivy, Canadian officers are drilling Canadian men to take their places in the big offensive already under way on the west front.

Witley, the largest of the camps, and Bramshot, where the raw recruits fresh from Saskatchewan or Nova Scotia are drilled are exclusively Canadian organizations. The few units of Americans have moved off to the front. Imperial officers are here only on visits.

The result is that the spirit of Canada and a new-found efficiency which the commanders declare is making the over-seas forces the finest trained in the world permeates the camps. The men are fighting for England, but when they speak of "Home" they mean Canada.

Canadian officers in charge of these camps have begun a new system of preparing the men from over-seas

for actual warfare in France. Conditions, paralleling as closely as possible those at the front, either exist or are manufactured at Witley.

The pines of Gibbet Mountain, overlooking the picturesque "Devil's Punchbowl", are just as strange sights these days as when hanged men kicked in the wind in Cromwell's day. Topping a ridge that winds for miles through the thickly wooded or green-meadowed country, a trench, with the yellow clay soil thrown up on either side, standing out vividly against the landscape, zig-zags its way. Paralleling this trench and separated from it by a few hundred feet of waving grass and here and there clusters of barbed wire is another—the "Boche's."

For a moment everything is quiet, save for the occasional harsh cawing of a flock of crows. Then the silence is broken by a crash of musketry and the rattle of the deadly machine guns—a weird yell, rising from the depths of the trench, is followed by the appearance of ghostly figures in gas-masks. Charging across the open space to No-Man's Land into a storm of drifting smoke from smudges, representing poison-gas, they rout the enemy from his trench, and go about consolidating the position—just as they will have to do in France tomorrow.

There is no child's play about the battle. Bitter hand to hand encounters with spring bayonets, harmless but painful, are fought in the communicating trenches. The "wounded" are carried back to the "British lines" on stretchers, while the raiders work like madmen, blocking the communicating trenches and getting their Lewis guns into position.

This is a new phase in the training—this sham-warfare under typical conditions and Canadians back from the front declare that already it is showing good results.

Another thing the Canadians in the Surrey camps are trying for the first time is a new system of bayonet fighting in the trenches. The old—and the French—system was to feint with the bayonet, draw the Hun off his guard and then lunge overhanded at his chest. Today the Canadians lunge straight from the hip, dropping the butt of the rifle and bringing up the point of the bayonet sharply if they miss.

"Go right out after him" is the new command to a Tommy learning this phase of the fighting, and it appeals to the Canadians more than any other form of battle. "Go right out after him" is a sort of watch-word around Bramshot and Witley anyway—it's symbolic of the Canadian spirit.

These Canadians today are different from the first over-seas contingent. And those that came with the first call have changed too. In 1914 and 1915 the complaint among the British officers was that while the Canadians "fought like the devil" they were not well-disciplined and were apt to run wild. Today the same old dash and fearlessness is there, but the Canadians are doing something even more useful for the Allied cause. They are making records daily as the best-disciplined, best trained units of the British arm.

Canada and Britain and the Allies can thank Bramshot and Witley for this new-found efficiency which has added to the most fearless fighters they possessed the quality of discipline. A new system of intensive training, recently instituted, is making the Canadians the equal of any troops in the world.

There's a secret about this system—they got it from the Boche.

Wool Held For Fifty Cents.

Pendleton, Or., May 12.—(Special)—An offer of 45 cents is not enough to tempt Umatilla County wool-growers yet. That figure was quoted to the J. E. Smith Livestock Company, of Pilot Rock, for the 1917 clip, but was refused. None of the growers of the section has sold and it is understood that they will wait until shearing is over before letting go.

One of the larger growers is understood to have intimated that he would consider 50 cents. Shearing has just started in the Pilot Rock section and will continue for several weeks.

Special Train From Wallowa.

Train 31, due at Wallowa at 3:30 p. m., will be held at that station an hour May 17 in order to enable passengers from Wallowa and intermediate points to board the train to attend the Gunderson-Christensen wrestling match on that night in La Grande. Mr. Gunderson is from Palmer Junction and a great many men in the mills are coming in to see the match, which is the reason the railroad has made this concession.

Recruiting Age Raised.

London, May 12.—(Special)—The war office announces that the voluntary recruiting age soon will be extended to men up to 50 years of age, both single and married. The announcement expresses the hope that those who come forward will



PHOTOGRAPH OF HAROLD CHRISTENSEN, SHOWING MEDALS WON IN HIS EUROPEAN CONTESTS.

Sports

CHRISTENSEN ARRIVES FOR MATCH ON 17TH.

ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY POUND DANE WILL WRESTLE FRED GUNDERSON, OF PALMER JUNCTION.

Harold Christensen, 190 pound Dane who will wrestle Fred Gunderson, of Palmer Junction, at the Arcade theatre next Thursday evening, won seventy-seven cups and almost one hundred medals as Greco-Roman style heavyweight wrestler in Europe.

Following is his official record:

(Record Attached.)

Champion Wrestler of Europe.

1st prize, champion of the world, Frankfurt, A. M., Germany, 1907.

1st prize, championship of the world, Vienna, Austria, 1908.

2nd prize, championship of the world, Dusseldorf, Germany, 1910.

1st prize, championship of the world, Prague, Bohemia, 1911.

1st prize, championship of the world, Vienna, Austria, 1912.

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1st prize, championship of the world, Budapest, Hungary, 1913.

1st prize, championship of the world, Berlin, Germany, 1914.

He is one of the few wrestlers in America today who has the distinction of wrestling before any of the Crowned Heads of Europe. In April 1911 he wrestled an exhibition match in the presence of King Christian X, King of Denmark and his Royal

Guests at the palace. The Danish athlete makes many friends wherever he appears by his clean sportsmanship, ability and modesty. Wrestlers of Christensen's type can make the game a fixed institution in La Grande.

In April 1916 he met Strangler Ed Lewis at Wilmington, Delaware in a handicap match. The stranger agreeing to throw Christensen twice in an hour. At the end of that time Chris was still on his feet and the stranger lost.

Last Fourth of July Christensen wrestled Antone Irsa, the 240 pound Bohemian champion at Richmond, Va., taking the first fall in 17 minutes and the second in 10 minutes.

Just prior to that date he defeated Fred Pilooff, the Big Finn before a large audience at the Harlem River Casino in New York, winning the first fall in 13 minutes and the second in 11.

On August 9th Christensen wrestled Joe Stecher for the world's heavyweight championship at Fremont, Neb., losing the first fall in 20 minutes and the second in eight. Stecher recently lost the championship to Earl Caddock. Christensen is just in receipt of a letter from Gene Melady of Omaha, Caddock's manager stating he would consider him at Boise for a match with the present champion at an early date.

On March 15th Christensen wrestled Europa Zbysko, Polish big leaguer in the wrestling game, taking the first fall in 52 minutes and the second in two minutes.

On May 4th he won the Intermountain heavyweight championship by defeating Pete Visser of Utah at the Pinney theatre at Boise taking two falls in 45 minutes.

Mr. Christensen has been in the United States a year and a half and has wrestled 61 matches losing only two.

His match with Gunderson next Thursday evening is to be a finish contest.

Recent explorations have led to the belief that the coal fields of China contain more fuel than all the rest of the world together.

MARKET NEWS

Sugar—Cane or fruit, cash \$9.70.

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Green Peas—12 1-2c
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Green Onions—5c bunch
Strawberries—15c and 20c
Celery, (California)—15c
Lettuce—10c; 2 for 10c
Potatoes—4.50@5.00
Cauliflower—15c, 20c, 25c.
New cabbage—10c
Honey—20c.
Parsley—5c a bunch.
Dry Onions—12 1/2c.
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Beans—Colored 17 1-2c

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mixed passenger and freight train No. 25 dropped through a bridge, weakened by high water following a cloudburst which did considerable damage in this section.

None of the passengers was hurt.

Switzerland Lacks Butter.

Berne, May 14.—Switzerland, one of the greatest dairy countries in the world, is practically without butter.

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