

**BOY SCOUTS HELPING OUT**

British Lads Are Patrolling the Shore Watching for Airships.

**SOME SIGNING AS BUGLERS**

All the Youngsters Understand Signaling and Are of Great Service in Assisting This Branch of Warfare.

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) LONDON, Sept. 15.—The Boy Scouts of Great Britain are distinguishing themselves in almost every way suggested by juvenile fiction.

From the north of Scotland down the eastern coast to the Isle of Wight on the south, sea scouts are patrolling the shore, watching for the dreaded Zeppelin or for some armed raider that might have escaped the British North Sea fleet, with a view to sinking the army transports in the channel. Railway bridges and reservoirs are watched by camps of Scouts, relieving the soldiers who are needed at the front.

Orders come into the scout district headquarters for buglers for Lord Kitchener's new army, for British buglers are from 14 to 18 years of age and enlist by their parents' consent. A Scout of 14 at one office has received the necessary consent and gives his commander a wink of triumph as the scoutmaster signs a letter to the recruiting office. He will serve in the Middlesex public school battalion.

**Scout Ideal Supreme.**

These are some of the military aspects of Scout life. But the Scout ideal of service useful to the public still is supreme. Those entering Lord Kitchener's army as buglers are a mere handful out of the 30,000 scouts in Great Britain, coast and railway patrols are unarmed, and merely assist the military as eyes.

Owing to the rapid recruiting in war time, no one—not even Sir Robert Baden-Powell—knows the exact number of Scouts in the United Kingdom. But in London alone there are 150 acting as orderlies in the war office, about the same number in the admiralty, tending to telephone calls and acting as messengers, and 70 or more who do the same service at the Red Cross and recruiting headquarters. Besides, there are about 30 Scout cyclists, who tend to important errand running between the various stations. Scouts are to be found at every train, guiding refugees with money to boarding houses approved by the British relief societies.

If anyone wants to learn about a certain street, he calls for a pathfinder—a Scout who has obtained special rating as a guide in London, after passing an examination even more severe than that required by the county council for a taxi chauffeur's license. Scouts have been loaned to the American relief committee and the American embassy, where their services are invaluable.

As all Scouts above the rank of tenderfoot understand signaling, their assistance is often called for in this respect.

**Has Businesslike Air.**

One thing that has particularly impressed Americans in London is the businesslike and military air of the British Scout. He has no sleepy feeling about appearing in uniform. He is proud of his organization and takes his duties seriously.

The scouts are volunteers in the fullest sense, even to paying for their own uniforms. But a publicly assisted canteen, which serves meals at from 1 to 3 pence, now keeps down his cost of living.

The Girl Guides, the feminine branch of Baden-Powell's organization, are no less busy. There are more than 10,000 of these guides in the kingdom and since the war their uniform has become quite familiar on London streets. The girls are concerned, in part, in knitting mufflers and stockings for the Scouts, but only in part. To take random instances of their usefulness, the guides at Leeds scrubbed down a house that was being turned into a military hospital. In Hertfordshire they did the mending and darning for a regiment of territorials. At Crawley they sewed newspapers together for extra winter blankets. At the London refugee camps for homeless Belgians the girls act as nurses for the children. At Harrow they are raising vegetables for the poor.

Every Red Cross hospital has its corps of Girl Guides, who wash the dishes and do general cleaning, run errands, and sometimes save steps by wigwagging.

**Britain Seeking Ex-Army Officers**

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) LONDON, Sept. 20.—The secretary to the war office makes a world-wide appeal to former officers of the army, who by reason of age are not on the reserve of officers, to communicate with him. The announcement adds that it is intended to utilize the services of those incapable of enduring the rigor of campaigning in the training of recruits.

**WAR PRODUCES MANY MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS**

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) LONDON, Sept. 15.—War enthusiasm has caused all manner of military organizations to spring into being, among them the sportsmen's battalion of 130 members which Edward Cunliffe-Owen, the twenty-third direct descendant of King Edward III, is engaged in forming. It is to be exclusively made up of men of gentle birth between the ages of forty and forty-five, men whose habits and associations are so firmly fixed that they would not feel at home with the youngsters. Fox hunters, trained to the horse and daring, stand highest in the list of those invited to join. Grouse shooters, hardened by long tramps over the moors and quick with the gun, are strong rivals. But even the confirmed golfer is in demand, for golfing implies a cool head and steady nerves.

Some of the recruits have given funds and placed their motor cars at the disposal of the battalion. As soon as the command is pronounced ready for service by the war office, it will be attached to a line regiment and sent to the front.

**CROWDS SEEKS TO SEE PRINCE OF WALES IN KHAKI**

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) LONDON, Sept. 30.—"A big crowd has gathered the bad habit," says the Fall Mall Gazette, "of loitering around Wellington barracks each morning to see the prince of Wales in khaki. On Wednesday the prince was practically mobbed in the most vulgar way as he walked across to Buckingham palace, and it took quite a large number of police to prevent hundreds of people, who should have known better, from following him or running alongside."

**Grand Old Man of the Kingdom**



**Did Not Hear of the War for Six Weeks**

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)

MELBOURNE, Australia, August 29.—Unaware of the outbreak of the war and wholly unsuspecting of the reception awaiting him, the captain of the German cargo steamer Wildenfels brought his vessel serenely through Port Phillip Heads, a few days ago on his way from New York to this port. Upon reaching the examination area inside the Heads the vessel was slowed down, and to the utter astonishment of the skipper, Probst, an armed guard sprang aboard and

enlightened him, and his crew and took charge of the ship. Probst was the more astonished because his vessel was equipped with wireless and he had been in communication with shipping when crossing the southern ocean. This wireless was subsequently dismantled by the authorities here. The Wildenfels, which belongs to the Hanna line of Bremen left New York, June 25, and apart from a short call at Capetown came direct to Melbourne. It has about 8,000 tons of cargo on board. A similar unpleasant surprise was given the captain and crew of the German-Australian cargo steamer Berlin at Sydney. It came from Hamburg via the Cape of Good Hope, but was not provided with wireless.

**German Athletes at the Front Fighting**

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) BERLIN, Sept. 10.—The Schwerathletische Sport, the adherents of which are especially strong young men, is represented in the field by a great number of wrestlers and heavyweight lifters for the defense of the country. The largest Schwerathletenclub in Berlin has sent fifty-four, or nearly all its active members, to the front. Among these are Franz Buchholz, the champion weight lifter of Berlin; Kochel and Paulini, the world's champion wrestlers, and Koehler and Magsam, the European champions.

**Germans Will Supply Soldiers with Cigars**

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) BERLIN, Sept. 10.—In Minden a central bureau for the distribution of tobacco products during the war has been organized, with a view to equalizing as far as possible the production and operation of cigar factories in all parts of Germany and to see to it that the men and officers in the field receive good cigars. The orders will be distributed among the individual factories, according to the number of employees.

A barber in Berlin has announced by placards that he will give a free hair cut to all children of fathers who have taken the field.

**"HIGHEST" RESERVIST IN GERMANY TO FRONT**

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) BERLIN, Sept. 10.—The "highest" reservist in Germany called to the colors was the mountain guide, Glatz, at Garmisch, in the southern part of Prussia. The order to report for military service was sent to him by mail and reached him at night on the top of the "Zugspitze," the highest peak of the Giant mountains. With alpine stick and hat at midnight he hurried from the mountain top and in five hours was down in the valley boarding a train to Weilheim.

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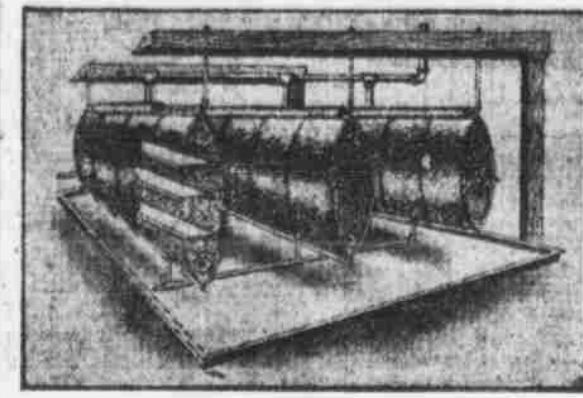
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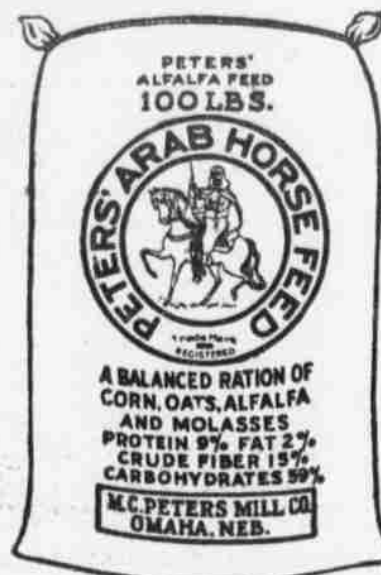
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