

NORFOLK NEWS

EVENING SESSION OF POLICE COURT

Takes Place in Simcoe—Delay After Delay on the New School

Delay After Delay. Simcoe, July 15.—(From Our Own Correspondent.)—State for blackboards in the new school, shipped in the third week in June, is just now arriving.

On July 15 the Aikenhead hardware house of Toronto wrote Contractor E. B. Gunton, stating that they had just received an order for the special hardware for the Simcoe school and that they were passing it on to the factory to be filled. Just why the architects, Chapman and McGiffin, have delayed ordering this hardware is not clearly understood. The contract was let in the fall of 1916 and the job was to have been completed by August 1st, 1917. Hardware prices have not been dropping in the meantime. It is now quite evident that the school will not be finished by August 1st. Meanwhile the contractors and board are carrying expensive building risks insurance and the board is delayed in getting the grounds levelled and seeded to have a desirable grass lawn before the students come in. War-time delays appear to have been supplemented with considerable dilly-dally, more especially in connection with the furnace work and the hardware.

Not Guilty—Yesterday at Police Court. "Not guilty" was the plea of Frank Wilson in Magistrate Gunton's court yesterday, when charged with the theft of a manure spreader from the Air Line freight sheds in August, 1917. And another charge followed, saying that he had investigated the case and as a result had satisfied himself that the young man was not guilty; and "not guilty" was the magistrate's finding. Our information given here was reported the arrest has therefore been vindicated. The spreader had been found. It had been taken from the station by

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a then agent of the company, and settlement had been made by the agent, who was holding the machine against a counter-claim. The agent paid the costs of the court and we believe reimbursed Wilson for his loss of time. There was no evidence against the young man.

Evening Session. At the evening session a case developed suspicions that some one handy with the brush and furnished with blue paint must be tampering with the numbers on auto markers. The man with headgear and glasses should henceforth carry a wash rag for the chief is quite likely to call a halt for a wash-up.

This, however, was only a curtain-raiser. The real entertainment followed. Eva (Mrs. Wm.) Mercer answered to two charges, trespass and common assault, laid by Jack LaFortune. The defendant appeared without a solicitor and pleaded her own case. On the first charge "Guilty" to defend my little girl when her boy pushed her into the bushes," pointing to Mrs. LaFortune. Evening Session take Two D P. On the second charge, "Not Guilty," "he assaulted me." And to prove her statement the little woman laid bare a well rounded shoulder still bearing the marks, and a classical little arm, "I must protect my children while their father is overseas." The evidence of Mr. LaFortune followed, and showed that there was a general mix-up between him and the lady. Mrs. LaFortune and a Mrs. Collier and a boy of children in the setting. It was all over poor fencing, and a good berry patch and the Simcoean disregard for private property and what constitutes trespass. When LaFortune got through, Mrs. Mercer got a second hearing, as the lady was conducting her own case. Efforts to keep Mrs. LaFortune quiet till her turn came to kiss the book proved futile. The chief warned the magistrate pleading in the quiet till her turn came to kiss the book proved futile. The chief warned the magistrate pleading in the quiet till her turn came to kiss the book proved futile.

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Press Photographs. Charlie Clark was the victim of a surprise birthday party given him last night at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bulby, corner Queen and Robertson. The young people of St. Paul's delivered the attack.

Rev. Johnston of Port Dover has gone off for his month's vacation. Rev. A. B. Farney was in Brantford yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bougner, and daughter of Brantford spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bougner. Roy reports his Brantford business as leaving no cause for complaints. Their many friends here are always glad to greet them when they drop into the old home town.

Odd Ends of News. The new refrigerator plant at Dominion Cannery is completed and in operation.

The summer caps for the policemen spoken of last year are not yet in evidence. The special committee met on Saturday to pass accounts for expenditures on the county roads. It generally agreed that a levy of 1/2 mills will not suffice for more than maintenance on the mileage. In its present shape.

Orders for floral offerings for the funeral of flight cadet White, of Delhi, were placed with Ryerse Bros. yesterday. This was our first intimation that the young man had been killed. Before you have your children operated on for adenoid and tonsil troubles investigate chiropractic. Dr. Lily Jackson, chiropractor, Wed. to Sat., 2 to 4, and 7 to 8 p.m.

G.N.W. HAS AGREED TO REINSTATE MEN

Pressure Brought to Bear by Government to End the Dispute

MAY AVERT A STRIKE

Provided in Settlement that Another Investigation be Held

Toronto, July 16.—As was expected, the Government at Ottawa took action yesterday to prevent a strike of the G.N.W. telegraph operators to-day, and as a result of pressure brought to bear on the company, Thompson and Taylor will be reinstated. The representatives of the company in conference at a late hour last night, arrived at the decision after receiving the assurance that another investigation of the charges made against the men would be conducted. They also agreed to pay the men their wages since the time of their dismissal.

As the mass meeting of the men Sunday was favorable to an investigation if the dismissed men were reinstated, it is likely that the arrangement made between the Government and the company will receive the approval of the telegraphers this morning and that their return to work at 10 o'clock will not be acted upon. If the terms are not satisfactory it is very likely that further action of a pre-emptory nature will be taken by the Government to prevent what would be a tie-up of the industry of the country.

Officials of the company were communicated with last night regarding the proposal of the Government, but they had "nothing to say," while Mr. George D. Perry, general manager of the G.N.W. system, could not be reached. Seen last night, Mr. C. E. Hill, of the Telegraphers' Union, stated that the matter was out of the hands of the leaders and that it was for the Government to take action. If not, he said, the men would go out and would be followed by all the operators in Canada from coast to coast. They were determined to remain on strike until the two men had been reinstated.

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COUNTER ATTACK IS DELIVERED BY AMERICAN FORCES

Drove Off Enemy Forces in Vaux Region Yesterday Morning

FIGHTING CONTINUES

German Objective to Detach Rheims by Taking the Nearby Hills

By Courier Leased Wire. With the American Army on the Marne, July 15.—(By The Associated Press)—The American forces on this front delivered a counter attack on the Germans in the Vaux region this morning and drove off the enemy. It is reported that the Americans have advanced their own lines a distance of several hundred yards, but this has not been confirmed.

Word received here shows that the enemy also launched an attack east of Rheims, but on the sectors on that front in which French and Americans are fighting side by side the positions are reported intact. The American machine gunners here let the enemy come close to their positions and then opened a deadly fire into the advancing close formations of Germans.

It is clear that the German attack in the Vaux region completely broken down under the American counter-attack. Further sharp fighting is likely to develop in this area at any time, however.

Heavy shells from German naval guns are falling on regions far behind the actual battle area. Many of the projectiles are directed in the city of Meaux, 25 miles from Chateau Thierry. In many of these towns, the German shell fire is continuing.

Reports from American advance positions said that the American troops were handling the enemy well, in the desperate fighting which is continuing.

VAUX THRUST A FEINT. With the American army on the Marne, July 15.—The operation at Vaux appeared to be a feint, for soon after it began the Germans attacked all along the Marne, where they were gallantly opposed by more of the American troops and the French.

The first crossing was made at the peak of the big river bend. The American machine gunners and infantrymen fought and died where they stood here.

Others of the American troops withdrew strategically as the enemy attacked at Chateau Thierry to block the Marne, east of Dormans, making additional crossings.

Reports received here shortly after the fighting to the east of Rheims said that the enemy up to about an hour previously had made no progress whatever there.

In the Conde region, the German advance appeared to have eliminated the river salient.

Battle as Foreseen. Paris, July 15.—Writing of the offensive begun to-day, the military critic of The Temps says: "The Crown Prince's forces attacked at 4 o'clock this morning after a bombardment of four hours, which was heard in Paris and in the entire Paris district. As was foreseen it is on the Plains of Champagne and the Marne that the battle will be fought."

The writer suggests the possibility of an immediate Austrian attack on the Italian front, according to indications of such a happening in the latest Italian communications.

Severest of War. On the French Front in France, July 15. (By The Associated Press.)—Some of the severest fighting of the war was taking place to-day on the front between Chateau Thierry and the Main de Massiges, along a front of about fifty miles.

The most violent engagements are occurring in the neighborhood of Dormans on the Marne, where the Germans were attempting to cross the river. The latest information shows the enemy demonstration on the eastern limits of the Champagne is being held by the French arms under the command of one of the most brilliant of France's soldiers, who made his reputation in the colonies and at the Dardanelles.

ALLIED FORCES ON MURMAN COAST

Have Arrived to Take Control at Request of Russ Population

By Courier Leased Wire. London, July 16.—(British wireless service)—At the express request of the Russians, considerable allied forces are now on the Murman coast, which is on the Arctic Ocean to the extreme north of Russia. On this coast there are several harbors which are ice free all the year round, and are connected by railway from Leningrad. More forces are being sent, and the local population is co-operating with the troops which have already arrived to defend these railways.

Meanwhile the Germans are making a desperate attempt to secure the control of the Murman coast. They need the harbors for submarine bases, now that Zebrugge has been closed, and Ostend rendered of little value, while the British mine fields are likely to ever more difficult for their submarines to reach the Atlantic.

The total German force in Russia is thirty-two German and fifteen Austrian divisions composed mainly of old and inferior men. This force is spread over a vast area, from Petrograd to the Black Sea, in Finland, threatening the Murman railway. The Germans have rather more than a division, but the bulk of this body is in the south and not easily within reach of the Murman railway. The railway may, however, be attacked by airplanes.

In view of this Stephen Pichon, the French foreign minister, addressed the chamber of deputies on this subject, and preliminary steps were decided upon. The extent of the German menace in Russia is fully appreciated in England.

New Siberian Government. London, July 16.—In a dispatch dated 6, the Harbin correspondent of the Daily Mail gives the composition of the new government in Siberia, without mentioning the offices allotted to the respective members. General Horvath is described as being temporary premier. The others are:

Vostrotin, member of the third and fourth dumas, and who was associated with Nansen's antarctic expedition; Taskin, constitutional Democrat member of the third and fourth dumas, who has great influence among the Trans-Balkal Cosaks and who was a member of the short-lived Semenov government; Tseretoff, vice minister of communications in the Kerensky cabinet; Puzikov, well known financier during the old regime, a director of the Russo-Asiatic Bank and who is reputed to influence the finances of the Chinese Eastern Railway; General Plun, formerly military governor of Vladivostok and latterly associated with Generals Korniloff and Alexoff in various counter-revolutionary movements; Orkotskoff and Karsky, both Socialists and Admiral Koltchak, commanding the Russian forces at Irkutsk, who is a provisional member.

This government, says the correspondent, represents all political elements—Constitutional Democrats, Liberals and Socialists—and only such a coalition government could hope to succeed. A purely Socialist government now at Nikolai, which is negotiating with the Czechoslovaks for the remaining itself, he adds, is not of a character to carry much weight.

Under date of July 3, the correspondent urges the absolute necessity of Allied intervention, demonstrated by the opera bouffe of two rival governments, each claiming to represent the Siberians.

General Horvath on this date was at Nikolai, while the Derher government has moved from its railway car to Vladivostok.

The rivalry between the two governments is likely to continue indefinitely says the correspondent unless the Allies intervene and choose one or the other.

HUNS ARE PERVED.

By Courier Leased Wire. Amsterdam, July 16.—Attempts to enlighten the German rank and file on the American front by the distribution of informative printed matter by Allied aviators or by French balloons and guns has aroused apprehensions in the pan-German press which are poorly concealed. The newspapers vent irate bulletins to the effect that the mental armor of the loyal and devoted German soldiers who are conscious of their superiority is proof against such shafts, as the Kreuze Zeitung puts it. The Germans claim that in the advance from the Aisne to the Marne, whole truckloads of propaganda pamphlets fell into their hands.

MUCH PRAISE IS BESTOWED

Upon the Brilliant Work of the American Soldiers

By Courier Leased Wire. London, July 14.—The brilliant contribution of American troops to the Allied defense at Pozosy, Bourges, conspicuously in the battle reports under the headlines and is made the subject of special mention in the editorial columns of the morning newspapers.

"Splendid men," is the description contained in The Times. While another paper calls the American defense "the most encouraging feature of the day's fighting."

Newspaper comment thus far is restrained while awaiting to discover the enemy's intention. The tenor of the editorials is hopeful. None of the commentators expresses a faint opinion as to whether the Allies are facing a main attack.

FRANCHISE BILL ADOPTED.

By Courier Leased Wire. London, July 15.—The Lower House of the Hungarian Diet has adopted the franchise bill, the party of Count Karolyi and some supporters of a radical franchise reform voting against the measure. The bill fixes the number of electors at 2,700,000.

NEW DUTCH CABINET.

By Courier Leased Wire. London, July 15.—Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands, according to a dispatch from The Hague to the Central News Agency has charged Deputy Nolens, leader of the Catholic Party, with the formation of a cabinet in succession to the ministry, headed by Premier Cort van der Linden, which recently resigned.

WILL CONTINUE

By Courier Leased Wire. Paris, July 15.—The Germans will continue their offensive, as they have concentrated strong reserves in the region of Reims, northeast of Rheims, says Marcel Hutin, in the Echo de Paris. The reserves, he adds, undoubtedly will be put into the fighting line, probably extending the front of attack toward the Argonne.


NOT A SURPRISE ATTACK.

By Courier Leased Wire. Paris, July 15.—"After a pause of somewhat unusual length," writes Lieut.-Col. Rossel in Liberte, "the enemy has resumed action. He has chosen the night of the French national fete, hoping to catch us napping. Such calculation was gross but in true boche manner. The enemy neither surprised us nor caught us unawares. The attack was begun where we had reason to anticipate it."

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Gifts for Queen Mary

Reach Total of Over Half a Million—Will be Used on Behalf of the Wounded

By Courier Leased Wire. London, July 14. (via Reuters Limited) The project of offering Queen Mary a shower of gifts for the wounded in celebration of the King and Queen has had the most successful. Princess Beatrice yesterday at St. James Palace presented to the Queen 585,761 gifts in kind, besides 2,963 gifts of sterling.

The Queen expressed astonishment at the magnificent total of gifts which came from all over the world. They are displayed in the famous Queen Anne's drawing room and adjoining apartments in the palace and including a great variety of offerings from the Dominions. Many boxes are yet to be unpacked, while others are known to be on the way, so that the total figures are incomplete.

COLBORNE ST. LEAGUE. Colborne Street Epworth League held their weekly meeting last evening. Miss Gladys Evidge occupied the chair and Miss Ham sang a solo. Rev. Mr. Lounds gave a most interesting address on missions.

Over Twelve Million Lives Lost Already

The Terrific Destruction of Europe's People Caused by the War

London, July 13.—The war has caused the heaviest casualties of any age the loss of not less than 12,500,000 potential lives because of the decrease in the number of births resulting from the war, says Sir Bernard Mallet, Registrar-General of Great Britain. This country, he asserts, has lost in these potential lives 650,000 children. He believes that other belligerent countries have suffered in this respect more than has Great Britain.

Sir Bernard estimated that every day of the war means a loss of 7,000 potential lives of children to the United Kingdom. France, Italy and the Central powers. Dealing with the decline in the birth rate here, he said the births registered in England and Wales in 1913 numbered 831,800. In 1915 they fell to 814,614; in 1916, there was a further fall to 786,520 and in 1917 to 688,346, a decline of 24 per cent. compared with 1913.

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