

GERMAN DEAD LIE ALL OVER GROUND

Increasing Difficulties of Retreat Force Desperate Defence.

FRENCH PRESS HARD

Allies Hold Positions Commanding Only Roads From Roye.

With the French Army in France, Aug. 12.—Altho the Germans have been reinforced with both artillery and infantry and are resisting more strongly between the Arve and the Oise, their fresh divisions have been unable to entirely stop the advancing French, who now have a firm hold on Thiscourt plateau.

South of Roye and northwest of Thiscourt the French hold positions that command the only roads leading from Roye and Ribecourt toward Noyon over which the enemy can withdraw his artillery.

The increasing difficulties attending their retreat are driving the Germans to desperate sacrifices in their efforts to check the allies' advance around the positions the Germans hold on Thiscourt plateau. Their losses are extremely heavy, and their dead lie all over the field. They are found in shell holes and nooks where they vainly sought protection from the French fire. Among them are some survivors, who are found in every possible hiding place.

Privations were endured by the Germans in the front line recently. This was picturesquely evidenced by a letter found since the offensive began. It was from an officer, who informed his relatives in Germany that the French artillery had been furnishing the only meat available by killing horses.

Another officer wrote with pride and satisfaction that he was able to send along with his message of love and hope a sack of wheat he had just gleaned from an adjoining field.

A German wireless operator was found at the bottom of a well after the French had advanced over the enemy positions. As an evidence of the haste with which the enemy withdrew, it may be said that the entire mail of one regiment made up for transmission to Germany was captured at Resons-sur-Matz.

At the Moose Pen!

Tommy Bothways: You musn't finish the Viaduct this year, Roy. Roy Pol: You musn't, either. Both: Why? Both: I've got my orders. The Moose: They've got their orders. Both: We've got our orders.

WAR SUMMARY THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

In the fighting yesterday, the lull fell on part of the battlefield, the allies still pressed enemy hard and achieved further tactical gains, including the capture of observation points over the Roye-Nesle-Ham road, a road used with German fugitives. On the allied right, the French captured Gury, eight and a half miles south of Nesle, and north of the Oise river and they also made an advance north of the line Roye-sur-Matz and Chevincourt. In the allied centre, the British advanced east of Fouguescourt and near the Roye road, taking some prisoners. On the left, the British captured the village of Proyart, after sharp fighting. In this region they inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy and made a large haul of prisoners. North of the Somme on the extreme left, the British advanced into Bray.

It was not the enemy that imposed the lull on the allies, but it was the French and British, who partially paused of their own volition. The cause not only comes from the need of re-arming tired troops, but of preparing to storm the line of Chaules, Roye, Lesigny and Noyon in order to gain control of the roads from Roye and Noyon to Nesles and Ham. The British advanced on the offensive, to take the defensive in an attempt to save Von Hutier. The retreat of Von Hutier has also showed up on account of the congestion of the roads in his rear.

Thus the allies have so narrowed the corridor that the heavy masses of Von Hutier to retreat to Ham and beyond, that even if their envelopment fails, they will have pushed at least 150,000 German divisions so severely that they will never fight again as divisions this year. The enemy loss in officers has also been higher than usual.

VESLE FRONT SHELLED BY ENEMY IN SPASMS

Germans, in Turn, Direct Heavy Guns Against Certain Particular Targets.

With the American Army on the Vesle front, Aug. 12.—The Germans are shelling the Vesle from spasmodically, their heavy guns apparently being concentrated, in turn, on certain targets. St. Thibaut, Mont Notre Dame and Fismes have been chiefly chosen.

A real attempt to feel out the allied strength has taken the form of an attack on Fismes, a little village northwest of Fismes. This, however, was a failure, as the American shooting was so good that not a single man was able to enter the village and the assaulting troops retired, leaving a fresh sprinkling of dead and wounded, which already has been fatal to so many Germans.

NEW EAST FRONT TO MENACE ENEMY

Crescent Russian Provinces Come Out for Support of Allied Interests in War.

Washington, Aug. 12.—The possibility of an establishment of an east front that will be a serious menace, at least, to the Germans, is being considered, it became known today with the making public of the proclamation of the "supreme government of the northern territory." The signers of the proclamation are with two exceptions, members of the constituent assembly representing the Provinces of Novgorod, Archangel, Volodga, Viatka, Kazan and Samara—a chain of provinces extending from the Arctic to the region of the Don Cossacks in the south.

This chain is in the form of a crescent, making a complete front of the Russian population. The signers of the proclamation are the best elements of the Russian population. The signers of the proclamation are the best elements of the Russian population.

SIX HUNDRED ARTISTS IN LOAN COMPETITION

Great Difficulty Experienced by Judges in Deciding Awards.

Ottawa, Aug. 12.—More than 600 Canadian artists have participated in the Victory Loan poster competition and the judges say it will be impossible for them to make their prize awards before next Thursday.

PRINCE ARTHUR IN TORONTO.

Prince Arthur of Connaught passed thru Toronto last night on his way to Niagara Camp, where he will review the Polish Legion. From Niagara he will go to Beamsville to inspect the aerial school established there. His highness has just finished a two-day flying tour of the Niagara region and will arrive back in Toronto today at four o'clock.

YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS

LIUENANT SPAULL KILLED RECENTLY

Trayton Spaull, 73 Greenwood avenue, in receipt of information that his brother, Lieut. Ernest Spaull, was recently killed during a zeppelin raid in France. He had just returned to the front from a short visit to England, where his wife and two children reside.

Mr. Spaull has two other brothers with the Canadian forces. Driver Vaughan Spaull, C.E.F., who was promoted to the rank of corporal on arrival in France. He is now convalescent in England and promoted to the headquarters office and engaged in clerical work.

Trayton Spaull, who applied for enlistment, was rejected on medical grounds. His wife, who has returned from England, states that after her six years' absence from her country, the changes in conditions in England are very marked. In the St. Helen's district (her native place) it is claimed, almost the entire male population eligible for the army and navy, joining up at the age of 17, and it is a criminal offense to light a pipe or smoke a cigarette.

At the landing stage at Liverpool I would have gladly turned back to return to Canada, but for the expectation of meeting my relatives," said Mrs. Spaull.

VIADUCT TO BE OPEN WITHIN FOUR WEEKS

The Don Viaduct should be open for motor and vehicular traffic between Danforth and the city via Howard street within the next four weeks, according to the statement of Works Commissioner R. C. Harris to Alderman Richard Honeyford, Ward One, who interviewed the commissioner regarding the slow progress in the work of completion of the big undertaking.

HARRIS COMPANY HAS FINE POTATO PATCH

"We have the best crop of Irish potatoes in the city and will average not less than 400 bags to the acre on our 25-acre field adjoining the factory," said J. J. Harris, of the Harris Potato Company, Limited, Danforth avenue, in a report for "The World" yesterday. "We sold 150 bags this morning for \$100 cash to the 'Irish'," said Mr. Harris, who added that in his experience of 31 years as a grower of potatoes he had never had such a bumper crop and attributed the healthy condition of the tubers to the spraying with Bordeaux mixture which was done six times during the season.

POULTRYMEN HOLD YOUNG BIRD SHOW

Under the auspices of the Danforth Poultry Association, a well-attended young bird show, embracing all varieties such as bumpy, rooster, Danforth avenue, last evening. B. Major occupied the chair in the absence of D. K. Crook, president. The show was held in the Danforth Poultry Association building, Danforth avenue, last evening. The show was held in the Danforth Poultry Association building, Danforth avenue, last evening.

ALDERMAN BEAMISH IS NOT SATISFIED

"I visited the Don viaduct on Friday last and was not pleased at the rate of progress made in its completion," said Alderman R. B. Beamish to a reporter yesterday. "I asked a foreman about the work and when it was pointed out that the best part of some of his men were taken away from the viaduct to lay rails in another part of the city, and that he could do with 10 or 15 men more in his department, and that if the alderman sent that number of men along he would find work for them. The lack of help was keeping the job dragging on."

Unionville "WAYSIDE" MARKET IS STILL POPULAR

The "wayside" market at Unionville continues to attract farmers and growers generally, from the neighboring districts, together with a good sprinkling of city people, and Saturday was no exception to the rule. Fruits and vegetables of all kinds were freely offered and the prices were regarded as reasonable. The result was a lot of buying and selling. The "wayside" market is in the hands of an efficient committee with Arthur Campin as president and W. F. Elliott, secretary. The grounds are in charge of David Duncan who handles the motorists and public generally with tact and judgment.

West Toronto COMMANDERY MEETS.

Sir Robert Land Commandery, No. 3, Knights of Malta, met last night in St. James' Hall.

DRUG STORE ENTERED.

The drug store of F. M. Gordon was entered by breaking the glass in a side window, between midnight and ten a.m., when two cameras, \$5 worth of chocolates and other goods were stolen.

NEW TORONTO TAX RATE SOARS AGAIN

Council Strikes Thirty-Seven Mills, After Final Trimming of Estimates.

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Earls Court

PTE. BEN SEARS DIES AFTER LENGTHY ILLNESS

The death has occurred after a lengthy illness of Pte. Benjamin H. Sears, late of the 74th Battalion, who died in Toronto General Hospital yesterday. Pte. Sears was wounded in France and was returned to Canada a few months ago, and owing to the nature of his illness the military authorities discharged him without pension.

Riverdale

FOURTH ANNUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL

In ideal weather the fourth annual mid-summer festival in connection with East Riverdale recreation centre was held on the grounds, East Queen street near Morse avenue, last evening. S. H. Armstrong occupied the chair and in a short address complimented the organizers for their general deportment and program.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service was held at the Earlscourt Central Methodist Church on Sunday evening. Rev. Peter McRobert, minister, presided. The service was held in connection with the death of Pte. Benjamin H. Sears.

PICKARD-FREEMAN

The marriage of Mrs. Grace Freeman of 28 Hatherly road, north Earlscourt, to James Pickard, is announced, which took place at the home of the bride. Mrs. Freeman is the widow of Douglas E. Freeman, one of the first contingent men, who was killed at the Somme. His son, Douglas, who enlisted after his father was killed, also died at the Somme.

LAYING WATER MAINS.

For several months past men have been employed by north Earlscourt laying new water mains to supply Fairbank and this northern section with city water. The work is nearly completed, the pipes now being brought down to North Dufferin street, where they will be joined to the Earlscourt mains.

EVANGELIST ARRIVES.

Rev. R. F. Bateman, one of the evangelists engaged for the Bona Avenue Gospel Tent Mission on St. Clair street, arrived in Toronto yesterday. He is being sent to the Canadian authorities at the border, he being under 35 years of age, has been treated fairly in this matter and asked to know if any bylaw had been passed in Mimico prohibiting the erecting of signs and bill-boards in the town limits.

Fairbank

FAIRBANK TO PROTEST OVER FIRE EQUIPMENT

Fire protection is again the subject of much talk in the Fairbank section of north Earlscourt. So many houses have been entirely destroyed with no insurance upon them that the residents are determined to have protection if possible. Most of the houses in Fairbank are frame, and when they are destroyed it is almost impossible to save them, and the result is a total loss to the owners.

DESTROYER SINKS U-BOAT.

Washington, Aug. 12.—Sighting a submarine off the coast of the United States, an American destroyer immediately dashed at full speed at her, launched 15 depth bombs when the submarine submerged, and it is believed sank her. The crew of the destroyer noticed oil on the surface and immediately put down two more depth charges.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OPENS CONVENTION

Independent Order of Odd-fellows Will Hold First Session This Morning.

The opening ceremonies of the Grand Encampment of Ontario, Independent Order of Odd-fellows, were held last night at the I.O.O.F. Temple, College street. C. R. Crasson, D.D.G.P., chairman, opened the meeting, and an address was read to grand patriarch, J. McCorvie, Chatham, by J. Ferries, D.D.G.P., district secretary.

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The cup presented to the order by Mrs. Robert A. Ellis, and which has been with Canton No. 11 for the past two years, was won by Canton No. 7, for having secured the most members for the year.

WAR VETERANS CENSURE POLICE, BUT NOT MAYOR

Central Branch Will Ignore Chief Magistrate's Letter Expressing Regrets for Soldiers' Injuries.

Central branch, G.W.V.A., last night unanimously passed a resolution censuring Toronto police force for its alleged unwarranted attacks upon maimed soldiers and women during the riots on Saturday night, August 8. At the same time it placed itself on record as disapproving acts of lawlessness in general.

The branch decided to ignore a letter received by the president of the association from Mayor Church who had in this letter stated his regrets for the injury received by some soldiers during the second night of the recent disturbances. The question of censuring the mayor for his attitude toward the police on the night in question was debated, and finally a resolution to that effect was defeated.

The branch elected two members to officiate upon a committee which will wind up the affairs left unsettled by the late York district executive. The executive during the debate upon this resolution was severely censured on general principles.

Mimico

TORONTO BUILDER HAS HOUSING PLAN

Offers to Build Fifty Residences on Plans Approved by Mimico Council.

The regular meeting of the Mimico council was held last evening in the council chambers, when various matters of business were put before the council.

S. Hagar of Toronto appeared with a proposition concerning the housing problem. Mr. Hagar was willing to build 25 or 30 houses from plans approved by council, and he urged them to accept his offer. As Mimico has had little trouble with this question it was decided to defer the matter for further discussion. A letter was read from Dr. McCullough, provincial board of health, regarding the need of sewers on certain streets. The council admitted this was necessary and a request will be sent in to the finance committee for permission to start the work.

Dr. Forbes Godfrey wrote council on the matter of fixing Albert avenue. He felt that he had not been treated fairly in this matter and asked that something be done to put the road in condition at once. He would also like a light at the foot of Albert avenue.

George H. Gooderham, chairman of the Toronto-Hamilton Highway Commission, in his letter to council wanted to know if any bylaw had been passed in Mimico prohibiting the erecting of signs and bill-boards in the town limits. Mr. Gooderham stated that the commission was doing all in its power to prevent these things from appearing along the highway.

GOVERNMENT PRAISE IS DOMINANT NOTE

Speakers at Political Meeting Eulogize Administration and Its Work.

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MANY WOMEN PRESENT

Sarcastic References Made to Opponents of New Cabinet Members.

Praise of the government and of its present policies, was the dominant note of the various speeches delivered at a meeting held in the interests of Hon. George S. Henry, minister of agriculture, in Snell's Hall on Main street near Gerrard street last night. The meeting was fairly well attended, half of the audience being women.

J. E. McMillan occupied the chair and the speakers were the minister of agriculture himself, Thomas Foster, members of the Ontario Legislative Assembly, Norman Sommerville and Andrew McMillan.

Mr. Foster congratulated Mr. Henry to fill the position of minister of agriculture, and Hon. Dr. Cody to preside over the department. This was done by Mr. Henry as a business man and an experienced farmer. He believed the minister of agriculture, through his influence, could help secure for Toronto the fat stock show and money to Toronto, promote the establishment of the canning and curing trade here and give employment to thousands of people.

Mr. Foster congratulated the government for its aid and assistance in developing Hydro-Electric power, which might, some day, be a great relief in case of future shortage of fuel. He believed that in granting the loan for Toronto the government had made a move in the right direction and he expressed the hope that at some near time the vote would go to all the women in this dominion.

Riots Might Have Been Worse. He also referred to the recent riots, which he said might have been much more serious had not the government in its wisdom introduced prohibition. Mr. Foster expressed the belief that after the present election the sale of liquor would be put to the people by means of a referendum, but he personally was of the opinion that the people would wish to maintain prohibition.

Dealing with the alien question, he said he had suggested in the federal house a commission to be appointed to study the matter and had proposed that the aliens who were making \$100 a year in a day should have a dollar day. This would provide for \$10,000,000 to \$12,000,000 a year. Norman Sommerville spoke in a very earnest manner and he termed the pretensions of an ambitious man who was backed by none of the existing organizations or bodies, but who simply wished to get into the limelight. He warned his audience that indifference of the election might prove the best help secured by Galbraith, Mr. Henry's opponent. He did not believe the alien question was one which could be dealt with by the present government and he believed it should be handled by the federal authorities.

Platform Not New One.

Dealing with the platform, he announced that William Varley, the opponent of Dr. Cody, Mr. Sommerville said it was the best platform ever placed before the people of this country, but unfortunately for Mr. Varley, said the speaker, it contained nothing but measures which had already been either put into force or which were being ministerially perfected by the present government.

YOUNG WOMAN'S BODY FOUND IN LONG POND

Miss Della Pearce Had Not Been Seen by Her Friends Since August Seventh.

The body of Miss Della Pearce, of the Aberdeen Club, 7 Bain avenue, was found floating in the cut at Long Pond, Centre Island, yesterday by a member of the life saving crew who was inspecting the equipment of the department at that point. The man was looking over the life-saving appliances when he saw something floating under the surface. An investigation proved it to be the body of the young woman.

FIREMEN MAY ORGANIZE

The Toronto Firefighters' Union may be an accomplished fact today. Thomas G. Spelacy, president of the International Federation of Firefighters, was in Toronto, which, it is said, is the object in view. This union is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

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