FRENCH PEASANTS TILL SOIL ON BATTLE FIELDS

CANADIAN ARTILLERY IS ENGAGED IN EXTENDED COUNTER-BATTERY WORK

German Guns Increase and it is Necessary to Destroy as Many as Possible — Aged Frenchmen and Women Till Soil Behind Canadian Front — Boys from Dominion Praised.

Canadian Headquarters in France, May 7 (By Stewart Lyon, special correspondent of the Canadian Press).—The artillery of the Canadian corps has been engaged during the past few days in counter-battery work. Instead of poundong at the enemy's trenches for the most part, it has been trained upon spots where his batteries are believed to be posted, with the object of putting them out of action. In such a war as this, where the guns on a narrow front may number hundreds, it is as necessary to destroy an enemy's artillery as his infantry.

German Guns Increase.

In former cables mention has been made of the increase in the number of German guns on this front. That increase continues, new batteries having been reported. Our trenches and outposts on the plain beyond Vimy are a shining mark for these guns, the nature of the country being such as to render it difficult to construct defensive positions not subject to cross-fire from some point on the enemy's front. The German lines are even more exposed to our retaliation from Vimy Ridge, but conditions are still better when his guns can be smashed. So all day, in swirls of dust and smoke our gunners hammer away. By doing so they force the enemy to divide his attention between our trenches and gun positions, thus improving conditions for the infantry.

The expenditure of shells are cheaper than men's lives.

Cultivating Soil.

Meanwhile the re-creation of the devastated region redeemed by the blood of our men proceeds. On the historic fields behind our front where two years ago thousands of French and Germans died, land has been brought under cultivation. A few days ago at one of those points where, in early spring it meant death to show one's head above the trench parapet, I saw the thrifty owner ploughing and planting potatoes in that part of the field not scarred by trenches. In another field could be seen an old Frenchman ploughing, one of our soldiers seeding and a young French woman harrowing. And, while the thunder of war still sounds, and its lightning flashes through the night, the patient industry of the French peasants already is bringing order from chaos and producing greatly needed foodstuffs from land that has lain desolate since the autumn of 1914.

Canadians Praised.

The Lieutenant-General commanding the Canadian corps has sent out to the officers and men under his command the following message: "The brilliant operations during the last month, culminating in the capture of Arleux and Fresnoy, seem to give me the opportunity of expressing to all ranks the pride I feel in commanding the Canadian corps. Since April 9, when the offensive against Vimy Ridge began, till the morning of May 3, when Fresnoy was captured, and consolidated, it has been one series of successes only obtained by troops whose courage, discipline and initiative stand pre-eminent.

Nine villages have passed into our hands; eight German divisions have been met and defeated; over five thousand prisoners have been captured and booty comprising some 64 guns and howitzers; 106 trench mortars and 126 machine guns are now the trophies of the Canadians. The training undergone during the winter has borne its fruit and it is this training, coupled with the zeal and gallantry which are so conspicuous in all ranks of the corps, that will continue to gain results as far reaching as those which began with the capture of Viry Ridge.

PRESENTATION MADE TO POPULAR FIREMAN

Captain Allan N. Nixon, of Number 3 Hose Company, Honored by His Associates

Captain Allan N. Nixon, of No. 3 Hose Company, was given a real surprise at a meeting of the members in their station, Union street, last night. After the business of the meeting had been transacted, Foreman James McKay, on behalf of the members, in a neat address, presented Capt. Nixon with a case of smoking pipes, which had a suitable inscription on the case. The gift was in honor of Captain Nixon's twenty-fifth anniversary as a member of the St. John Fire Department.

Captain Nixon was appointed a hoseman in No. 2 Company by Chief Engineer John Kerr, on May 2nd 1892, and has proven a valued member of the department ever since. He is popular with the firemen, who trust they will enjoy many more years of his comradeship, and that he will be spared to serve the city as a fireman for many years to come.

FINANCIAL COMMENT

New York, May 7—It is reported that a large increase in unfilled orders will be given Thursday by the U. S. Steel Corporation Some estimates put the inc. at 200,000 tons.

These stocks are being subjected to a great deal of bearish talk on earnings. St. Paul, B. & O. and Third Avenue. Private borrowing indicates a large increase in the short interest.

Banking interests are reported not to favor loans to Russia until satisfactory guarantees that there will be no separate peace and that co-operation will be given against Germany.

Buying of Colorado Fuel is taking place for account of well informed interests who point to the fact that the company has its own fuel which means much in the way of net profits in these times of coal demand with high prices.

Its rumored that British financial advisors have recommended that the U. S. depend more on loans than upon taxation.

Their suggestions all look strongly toward encouraging business to be active and incentive must be had through profit.

N. Y. F. B.

ENRICH THE BLOOD

Hood's Sarsaparilla, a Spring Tonic Medicine, is Necessary.

Everybody is troubled at this season with loss of vitality, failure of appetite, that tired feeling, or with bilious turns, dull headaches, indigestion and other stomach troubles, or with pimples and other eruptions on the face and body. The reason is that the blood is impure and impoverished.

Hood's Sarsaparilla relieves all these ailments. It is the old reliable medicine that has stood the test of forty years—that makes pure, rich, red blood—that strengthens every organ and builds up the whole system. It is the all-the-year-round blood-purifier and health-giver. It embodies the careful training, experience and skill of Mr. Hood, a pharmacist for fifty years, in its quality and power to cure.

Ask your druggist for it today.

TO-DAY AND EVERYDAY

You'll Like the Flavor

FOOD HOARDER CALLED TRAITOR

Persons Who "Stock Up" Heavily Big Factor in Increased Prices.

Boston, May 7—Branding as unpatriotic and a traitor to his fellow Americans, the man who at this critical time is hoarding up food supplies in his home. Exceutive Manager Henry B. Endicott of the Massachusetts Committee on Public Safety has given out a statement relative to "food hoarders" as an answer to a number of letters which the committee has been receiving lately asking advice on this point.

Mr. Endicott is one of the best known business men in Massachusetts and his advice has been sought by mail and in person by those who have been in doubt as to how they should act in buying home supplies at this time. He does not hesitate to place the "food hoarder" in the category of the unpatriotic and to go even farther.

As a business man he adds that one of the factors to unsettle and to boost food prices is the buying by certain people who feel they should "stock up" with flour, sugar, etc., not with ordinary prudent foresight but with the intent of providing for many months to come.

To the committee has been reported the case of a customer of one of the large Boston grocery houses, whose family consists of husband and wife only, and who in ordinary times would not consume a barrel of flour in months. Recently, however, this customer ordered five barrels of flour and insisted upon having that order filled, although the grocer, to his credit, protested.

Victims of Selfishness

The effect of this sort of purchasing is to raise prices. Mr. Endicott points out. It raises prices not only to those who cannot acord to buy in such quantities but also to the families of limited means who have neither the means nor the credit to buy in large quantities and who thus become the victims of the nervousness and selfishness of their more wealthy neighbors.

"Persons who purchase such hoardings are traitors to their fellow men and to their country," says Executive Manager Endicott in his statement, which follows:

"I am in receipt of many inquiries from individuals as to what policy they should pursue in purchasing food supplies, and whether I advice them to lay in a good stock of flour, sugar, etc.

"My observation is that these inquiries come from persons with weak nerves because if one will give a little thought to this subject he will see how utterly absurd it is at this time to purchase more than the customary quantities, and especially more than he requires for some time to come.

"It is poor business to do this and for several reasons.

"At the present time prices of nearly all commodities are very much above normal, and it is always poor business to speculate on the highest market known.

"I am referring to persons who ordinarily buy half a barrel of flour and now think it best to purchase two barrels, and also to persons who surreptitiously buy sugar from half a dozen grocers in order to lay in a big stock.

"That is poor business, I say, because the very action of these persons puts the price up on themselves—forces the market up whether the dealer wants it to go up or not. In buying this way they not only put the price up on themselves, but, what is much worse put the price up on the man with limited capital and limited credit and force him to pay exorbitant rates that otherwise might not and probably would not be necessary.

"I can conceive uothing more unpatriotic at this time than such conduct. Certainly nothing could be further from patriotism or helpfulness to other people than for one set of men who have money and credit to selfishly purchase an unusual amount of supplies for themselves, and by so doing inflict upon their less wealthy neighbors this burden of unnecessary, high prices.

"If I understand patriotism at all, it is to be helpful as far as possible to the people who need help. By extending such help at this time one helps one's state and one's country.

"In saying this I do not condemn the reasonable prudence that ought to characterize one's usual conduct, but I cannot denounce too strongly this selfish hoarding by some, whether the hoarding is money or provisions.

"Let every man who can afford it instead of hoarding his money or using it to hoard provisions, put that money into producing something from the land By so doing he will help reduce the prices of the necessities of life, and do his country more good than it would be possible for him to do in any other way.

"A hoarder of money or provisions at this time is one who should be pointed out as a traitor to his country and to his fellow men.

"This has been and in the future will be my answer to those nervous persons, who ask my advice as to how they can selfishly figure to help themselves."

DIED.

DAVIDSON—In this city, on the 8th inst., after a lingering illness, J. H. Davidson, aged 56 years, leaving a wife, one brother and three sisters to mourn.
Notice of funeral later.

BERRYMAN.—At his residence, 6 Cannon street on May 7, Capt. Charles A. Berryman, leaving a wife and two sisters to mourn. (Boston, New York and Digby papers please copy).
Notice of funeral later.

HARDWARE AND METAL

Toronto, May 7—"Still further important price changes have to be recorded on hardware lines this week. The firmness in linseed oil and pig lead has been reflected in white lead in oil which has advanced 75c. per 100 lbs. British Manila, and New Zealand hemp rope have advanced 2c. lb. Black and corrugated galvanized sheets have advanced further in price. Other important changes include advances in the prices of soil pipe and fittings, bath tubs, sinks and locks, whisks, eavetrough and conductor pipe and elbows, sulphur, range boilers, screen door hinges, iron rivets and burrs, cabinet Epsom salts. Gasoline storage tanks have advanced 20 per cent. The demands for iron and steel continues as insistent as ever, and further advances in the prices of some lines are a certainty. Canadian pig-iron prices are still withdrawn. There is an active demand for ingot metals. Retail trade in spring hardware and paint lines has been somewhat hampered by the recent dull and cool weather."

RETURNING TO STAGE

Robert Warwick who has not been seen on the speaking stage since he appeared with Grace George in "Captain Brassbound's Conversion" at the Playhouse last season, will return again next fall, under the management of Al H. Woods, contracts having been signed last week. It is said that Mr. Warwick now has three plays under consideration and that he will not discontinue his work in pictures.

SIR HERBERT LEAVING

This is the last week of the engagemnt of Sir Herbert Tree in "Colonel Newcome" at the New Amsterdam theater. He will sail for England immediately following his closing to make a new production in London during the summer.

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A Daily Treat in Every Household

Sealed Packets Only. Refuse Substitutes.

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OBITUARY.

The many friends of J. H. Davidson, will learn with deep regret of his death which occurred at an early hour this morning at his residence, 76 Dorchester street. The deceased has been in poor health since last fall, and although everything possible was done to sustain life, he passed away this morning.

He was well known in the city, and highly esteemed by the citizens in general. He was accountant with O. H. Warwick and was considered most efficient.

Besides his wife, the deceased leaves one son, Roy A. Davidson, and three sisters, Mrs. D. E. Brown of La Pas, Manitoba; Mrs. Charles Russ of Montreal; and Mrs. W. S. Lewis of this city. He is also survived by one brother, Gilbert D. Davidson, who resides in the city also.

Can Issue Marriage Licenses

W. C. Wilson, druggist of West St. John, has been appointed an issuer of marriage licenses.

SHIPPING NEWS

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

May—Phases of the Moon.

Full Moon, 6th .....10h. 43m. p.m.
Last Quarter, 13th .... 9h. 49m. p.m.
New Moon, 20th ..... 8h. 49m. p.m.
First Quarter, 28th .... 1h. 33m. p.m.

Date.	Do of W.	Sun Rises.	Sun Sets.	H. Water a.m.	H. Water p.m.	L. Water a.m.	L. Water p.m.
7	Mon	5.10	7.31	11.51	....	5.42	18.00
8	Tue	5.08	7.33	0.08	12.30	6.21	18.39
9	Wed	5.06	7.35	0.47	13.11	7.03	18.21

SUPPORT THE PLUMBERS.

St. John Typographical Union, No. 85, at the regular meeting on Saturday evening went on record in support of the plumbers who are now on strike in the city.

"The smallest fish will sometimes make the biggest pull."

Sometimes the smallest advertisement will make the largest haul.

We do not compete with big advertisements. Our small daily advertisements will give you the gist of what to wear and where to get it with the most satisfaction. Today that indispensable garment — the Spring Overcoat, ready for service. The fashionable, comfortable and handy slip-on, $12.50 to $28. New ones of Scotch homespun opened Saturday, 20th Century Brand and smart.

Gilmour's, 68 King St.

The Great Importance of Prohibition!

Hon. Nicholas Iserguine

Inspector of State Savings Banks of Russian Empire states, in regard to effect of Prohibition: "We have about doubled in less than three years the amount accumulated in seventy-three years previous to the outbreak of the war, for our State banks are about seventy-five years old."

Former Attor.-Gen. Baxter

in introducing the Prohibition Act said: "I do not think that I need discuss the question of whether Prohibition prohibits. That depends upon you and me. If those in the community who hold the moral forces under their particular care—if they do their duty—if they let petty things go and if they stand back of the men who live under the law and persistently and insistently urge these men to respect the law—for without respect the law becomes of no value whatever—to respect this law as they would any other law, if the moral and social leaders of our country will but rise to the occasion and do their duty, there is no fear but that a prohibitory law, like any other law, can be enforced within the Province of New Brunswick."

Premier Foster

as leader of the Opposition, in speaking of Prohibition said: "That in his opinion the Temperance question is not a question of party politics. Prohibition, after all, affects everyone directly or indirectly and is therefore too big and broad a matter to be dealt with politically. The law is to-day on the Statute Books, and if we are returned to power when May 1st comes the Prohibition bill will be put into effect, and we will enforce it as far as it lies in our power to do so."

In these critical days when governing bodies the world over are imploring everyone to increase production of food, when our armies are crying for men, munitions, ships—when every resource, however small, is a vital asset—waste is intolerable.

New Brunswick stands second to none in her loyalty to the vital cause of the Empire. Of her sacrifices of precious boys, her wealth and resources she is justly proud. With effective Prohibition laws in force throughout the province, she will tolerate no waste due to lax enforcement of Prohibition. Her resolve, however, demands a united public opinion in favor of strictest enforcement.

Help to Enforce Prohibition

The "PIONEER" (published in Toronto) is authority for the statement that in Canada the total value of foodstuffs destroyed by the liquor traffic in 1916 was approximately $4,244,090.22. Add to this the immense loss of transportation facilities, clogged and hindered by carrying the grain to destruction, and again conveying the product of the breweries and distilleries to make precious men less efficient in this solemn hour!

Russia—

Some idea of the enormous effect of Prohibition is afforded by the wonderful example of Russia. The whole country is "bone dry." The people declare they never will backslide to vodka. In spite of the fact that millions of producers have been in the army the savings of the people enormously increased. In 1912 and 1913 they were saving, per year, about $20,000,000. In the first five months under Prohibition they saved $60,000,000. In 1915 the banks took in $265,000,000. For the first half of 1916, the Russian people saved $300,000,000!

The shortage of revenue from the tax on vodka is gradually being made up by increase in other revenue, due to the savings and greater efficiency of the people. In spite of the ravages of war there is less begging and misery. "With vodka on her back, she could never have held the Germans back. Russia has helped to save Europe."

On May 1st 1917, the putting into effect of the Prohibitory Act in New Brunswick placed in our hands a powerful instrument. The success of Prohibition depends upon our *use* of the instrument, just the same as success in battle depends upon the general's intelligent, vigorous *use* of his forces.

No matter where you live, whether your district is under the Canada Temperance Act or under the new Prohibitory Act, you are urged to use every legitimate means within your power of support and aid the officers of the law in their sworn duty of enforcement.

Use your influence to build up such a weight of public opinion in favor of strictest enforcement of both the Scott Act and the Prohibitory Act that the success of Province-wide Prohibition will be permanent.

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