

# NEWS FROM NORFOLK COUNTY

## NARROW ESCAPE FROM SAVAGE BULL

### Charlotteville Farm Hand Injured in Encounter With Animal

## NEWS FROM SIMCOE

Simcoe, May 21.—(From Our Own Correspondent) When J. A. McKnight, a progressive Charlotteville farmer, returned to his home Monday evening he found Harry Davidson, his helper on the farm, standing in the feed-box and holding a vicious bull by the ring in its nose. The man had let the animal out of the box stall to go down the hall for water, and was arranging the litter in the meantime. The beast returned sooner than expected and went to the attack "instanter."

Davidson is severely bruised about the shoulder, hip and thigh and over the liver and attributes his escape to his getting hold of the ring. The whole affair lasted but a few minutes and on the arrival of the owner the animal was quickly reduced to submission.

Odd Ends of News.

It is passed about town that a local man will this week appear in a local weekly, and that matters municipal will come under criticism.

Early closing is upheld by about half the merchants, five per cent. of other men in business and an occasional private citizen.

There is some talk of the Lyric opening an hour later during the summer evenings in order that its patrons may shop before eight rather than after eleven o'clock on Saturday nights.

If the feed barns and garages would close at seven on Saturday in deference to their help, Simcoe would stand out in splendid isolation.

The "boys" to the number of about twenty had their first chase after the "pigskin" last night at the Agricultural Grounds. The grass was long enough to prevent abrasions to the person of those who slipped their footing.

An official sent up from Hamilton at the instance of the Division Manager at Toronto was in town yesterday investigating complaints made against some of the operators in the Bell Telephone office here who have been charged with giving unsatisfactory service to subscribers and sending scurrilous anonymous letters and cards through the postoffice to parties complaining. We understand that for the present the matter is "finished-finished."

It will be agreed that Simcoe subscribers are fortunate in that the local staff includes many very efficient and characteristically courteous members. In fact, that these predominate, and no doubt the presumably unsophisticated will presently find their equilibrium.

Meanwhile the public should consider that the telephone company has its war time problems as have other organizations.

Counting the Mills.

This week the heads of departments are figuring up their estimates and the finance committee will doubtless have a rough draft of the requirements on which to base the 1918 levy.

The rate cannot be definitely struck at the regular June meeting for the county levy will not yet be announced. But apart from this it is expected that the finance committee will have a detailed statement.

Last year no municipal grants were given to any of the various war efforts, the policy being to pay our share with the rest of the county. It is probable that the same course will be pursued this year unless it is decided to give a stated amount to the I.O.O.F.

But as a private committee has undertaken to finance this organization, it is not likely that the town fathers will interfere with the arrangement.

School Requirements.

The Board of Education have asked for a few extra thousands. No doubt there will be a couple of extra teachers required, with the opening of the new school, but there are those who consider that the attendance at the high school does not

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warrant a staff of six teachers; that the curriculum might be covered with a staff of five quite easily and that without any exceptionally large classes. But the Board has tendered their estimates and it is assumed as far as we know, that they have given the matter due consideration.

A congregational meeting called for yesterday evening at 8 o'clock went by default because of the paucity of the turnout.

The Industrial Committee of the Town Council took a tour of inspection of the various garden plots under their supervision on Monday evening.

Press Photographs.

Mr. Geo. Eatwell was yesterday advised of the advent of another grandchild, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Eatwell of Niagara Falls.

Miss Lillian Griffin has secured a clerkship in the offices of the Registrar General at Toronto, as a member of the regular staff.

Miss Mae McNally of the office staff of the T. Eaton Co., came home yesterday to spend the vacation in attendance on her mother, who has been quite unwell for some days.

We used the name Walter Brearley instead of Fred Brearley yesterday. Our apologies to both of these gentlemen.

Mrs. J. Abbey, of Toronto, is a visitor with Miss Mae McNally at the home of the latter's parents on Kent street.

Master Francis Reid returned from Brantford yesterday quite convalescent after his recent operation for appendicitis. Francis left Simcoe twelve days ago.

## GETTING RID OF HOUSEFLIES

**Some Suggestion in Pamphlet Issued by the United States Government**

Nobody has now any excuse for not knowing how dangerous a creature is the common housefly; as a carrier of disease his capacity for evil is next to unbounded. How best and surest to exterminate this filthy pest is told in detail in a pamphlet which the United States Government issues. Several suggestions for the destruction of houseflies are made.

"Formaldehyde and sodium salicylate are the two best fly poisons; both are superior to arsenic." Directions for preparing and using the solutions are given, with the useful hint:

"Any odor pleasing to man is offensive to the fly and will drive him away."

Suggested precautions are the spraying of oil of lavender and water in equal parts around the house; in the dining room, even upon the linen.

"The odor is disagreeable to flies and refreshing to most people. Geranium, mignonette, heliotrope and white clover are offensive to flies; they especially dislike the odor of honeysuckle and hop blossoms. According to French scientists, flies have an intense hatred for the color blue and will stay out of a room decorated in that color. To clear the house of flies burn pyrethrum powder; this stupefies the flies, but they must be swept up and burned."

Among other suggestions the value of borax scattered out of doors is urged. It should be scattered in a 10 per cent. solution and will neither injure manure heaps nor the farm stock. In every way and at all times everybody should do his share to exterminate the fly. Swat him by all means, but burn his carcass.

## CONSTIPATED CHILDREN

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**STEAMER TAKEN OVER.**  
By Courier Leased Wire  
Montreal, May 21.—Loading at Montreal is a big Russian steamer, one of a fleet of 13 ships taken over by the British Government in part payment of the debts repudiated by the Bolshevik Government. The commandeered steamers will add 150,000 tons to the shipping at the disposal of the Allies.

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## HUNS HAVE GOT ALL THEY WANT

### Now Ready to Help Russia in Negotiations With Ukraine

## ASK RUSS FRIENDSHIP

By Courier Leased Wire  
Moscow, Wednesday, May 15.—(By the Associated Press)—The German reply to the protest against German invasion of Russian territory as a violation of the Brest-Litovsk treaty sent to Berlin by Foreign Minister Tschitcher is most conciliatory. It says that the German rule in Ukraine and Finland is ended, and there is no need to carry out further aggressions. The note says that Germany will help Russia in the negotiations with the new nation and emphasizes the wish to maintain Russia's friendship.

Germany's changed attitude, Nikolai Lenin, Bolshevik premier, told the Central executive committee yesterday was due to the international situation and to unexpected difficulties in Ukraine, but he cautioned the committee against undue optimism, saying that peace is insecure, as treaties are scraps of paper, and the soviet government must utilize to the utmost the respite offered by the temporary differences between the capitalist powers to strengthen its own position. He said that the present alignment may suddenly change and to-day's enemies may become friends tomorrow. He said that it was difficult to maintain neutrality for a country which had not the power to protect it.

The possibility of a German-Japanese understanding regarding the Far East is intimated. In this connection, The Izvestia, published this morning extracts from German papers, purporting to prove that this will eventually take place. The Vossische Zeitung says:

"Events are now ripening in the Far East, which should give German politicians a clear hint. Japan and Germany are two world powers between which there is not the least conflict of interests, because Germany has no military interests in the Pacific. She wants only to satisfy her commercial interests in eastern Asia, and for many years will not create competition for Japan, but rather furnish her useful sources of income. Therefore, we do not doubt for a minute that these two powers will within a short time understand each other politically and cease pursuing each other because of the identity of their interests."

The Izvestia concluded, from German utterances, that Germany is supporting the Japanese expedition in Siberia independently of a possibility of an understanding between them, and says:

"It is interesting to know whether the Allies will consider this circumstance, or whether they will further entertain for the creation of an anti-German front in the Far East with Japan's help."

## BRITISH IMPROVE FLANDERS' LINES

### Take Thirty Prisoners and Six Machine Guns in Minor Operation

By Courier Leased Wire  
London, May 21.—Northwest of Merville in Flanders salient the British improved their positions last night, the War Office announces. Thirty prisoners and six machine guns were taken by the British in this operation.

A counter-attack on the new positions, launched this morning after a period of heavy shelling, was crushed by the British artillery and machine guns.

The text of the statement says: "A successful local operation was carried out by troops of the Surrey battalion yesterday evening northwest of Merville. A re-entrant in our line in this sector was closed up and 30 prisoners and six machine guns were captured by us.

Early this morning a hostile counter-attack against our positions delivered after a heavy bombardment was broken up by our artillery and machine gun fire.

"We carried out a successful raid

## HEAVY MEAT EATERS HAVE SLOW KIDNEYS

### Eat less meat if you feel Back-achy or have Bladder trouble.

No man or woman who eats meat regularly can make a mistake by flushing the kidneys occasionally, says a well-known authority. Meat forms uric acid which excites the kidneys, they become over-worked from the strain, get sluggish and fail to filter the waste and poisons from the blood, then we get sick. Nearly all rheumatism, headaches, liver trouble, nervousness, dizziness, sleeplessness and urinary disorders come from sluggish kidneys. The moment you feel a dull ache in the kidneys or your back hurts or if the urine is cloudy, offensive, full of sediment, irregular of passage or attended by a sensation of scalding, stop eating meat and get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast and in a few days your kidneys will act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate the kidneys, also to neutralize the acids in urine so it no longer causes irritation, thus ending bladder weakness.

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## CANADIAN TRADE SHOWS FALLING OFF

### Decrease of Approximately Three Million Appears in April Figures

By Courier Leased Wire  
Ottawa, May 21.—A decrease of approximately three million dollars in Canada's trade for the month of April is shown by the monthly trade statement issued from the Customs Department. The grand total last month, the first month of the fiscal year, was \$151,318,149 while in April 1917, it was \$154,320,035. Imports last month, exclusive of coin and bullion were \$78,223,941 and domestic merchandise exported

amounted to \$71,151,652. Corresponding figures for April 1917 were: Imports \$86,807,809 and exports \$65,145,449.

Durable goods imported into Canada during April totalled \$44,593,023 and free goods, \$34,030,918. Last year during the same month, durable goods imported totalled \$44,780,538 and free goods, \$42,021,171. Duty collected last month amounted to \$13,837,227 as against \$13,875,485 in April 1917.

A great increase in the export of agricultural products over April a year ago is shown. Last month domestic agricultural products to the amount of \$30,216,948 were exported, while a year ago these only totalled \$11,443,161 during April. Last month, however, there was a formidable decrease in the value of manufactured articles exported when compared with April 1917. Products of Canadian factories exported last month totalled \$23,693,925 while during April 1917 exports of this kind amounted to \$40,859,648.



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