

NORFOLK NEWS

INFLUENZA IS ABATING AT SIMCOE

Epidemic on Wane There—John Harper Succumbs to Illness

OTHER SIMCOE NEWS

(From our own Correspondent) Simcoe, Oct. 23.—There was but one patient received at the emergency hospital yesterday, and three inmates were able to go to their homes. With two exceptions, all those who have been nursed again to health, have expressed their gratitude to the management. Outside the hospital, matters are generally speaking, much improved, but business is still tied up and the mills and factories are yet but marking time.

John Harper Called
After a most supreme test of endurance, and with the outcome waiting in the balance for several days, "Jack" Harper died at the family home on John street last evening. John Harper was in his 17th year, and had been for some time on the staff of Molson's Bank. It is safe to say that through all his school-boy days and his conduct in the opening of what promised to be a life of business integrity, "Jack" has left every page clean. Mr. H. H. Groff, manager of Molson's, stated last night that when he was taken ill, Harper was holding down a clerkship, usually never entrusted to one less than two years his senior, and that he was an unusually bright and efficient clerk. But why add words, every one in Simcoe knew "Jack" Harper. His parents, brother and three sisters have the general sympathy of all in the severance of this link in the family circle.

Let the lads who went to school with him emulate his splendid example.

Obituary
The funeral of the late Mabel Abbey, wife of Reginald Little, is being held to-day.

Abraham Barber of Charlotteville has passed away in his thirty-fifth year. Interment to-day at Salem.

Killed in Action
Pte. Kenneth Church, of Jarvis, was killed in action on Oct. 1st. He was over recently, and had been in France but two months. The cable came to his sister, Mrs. D. D. Guntton, direct from Captain Guntton in France. Church had recently been reported missing. Mrs. Jack Lepanto is also a sister.

Capt. Guntton's cable stated that he himself is quite ill.

Corp. Dugit Wounded, While Named for Decoration

Corp. W. Arthur Dugit, of 55A Harvard Avenue, Toronto, brother-in-law of Mrs. R. Louis Dugit, of Simcoe, has been reported wounded by gunshot in left shoulder and admitted to No. 1 South African hospital on Sept. 28th. He was recently made a corporal, and has been recommended for the Military Medal. He surrendered his sergeant's stripes and a commission to go to the front. A brother, Major Robert Louis Dugit, formerly of Simcoe, was killed in action in May, 1917, and another brother, Harry, is serving with a railway corps at the front.

Odd Ends of News
A basket of apples and one of grapes, received at the hospital last night, were deemed quite worthy of acknowledgement, the donors were

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Mr. and Mrs. A. N. West... The appeal for help at the hospital has so impressed some who would but cannot go to help, that they have made cash contributions to the institution, and the chairman of the board has requested that it be made public that all such donations will be thankfully received and properly applied.

Miss Margaret Jamieson, of Toronto, home at present owing to the interruption of work there, joined the hospital staff and has been on duty for the past two days. One of our delivery boys reported last night that a man took some of his papers from him. He finished his route short. Delivery boys are not angels, they are boys starting in business; they can quite easily be given a wrong idea of the business world and their own proper bearing and demeanor by coming in contact with men who forget that the boys in business should be received in a business way. Time and again there has come to our notice, conduct towards the youth when he is about town on business, ill-behaving the dignity of which some men desire to be estimated.

Press Photographs
Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Crossley, of Cheney, Kansas, arrived yesterday in Simcoe to visit Norfolk relatives. But why add words, every one in Simcoe knew "Jack" Harper. His parents, brother and three sisters have the general sympathy of all in the severance of this link in the family circle.

Several magistrates' court cases now a week in the brewbar, were again adjourned last evening owing to the indispositions of the accused. Hard cider is apparently going to keep the wheels of justice turning for a while.

John Farr, Guilty of Rape, Sent to Reformatory at Seventy-two

Simcoe, Oct. 23.—The docket before his Honor, Mr. Justice Meredith had some hours yesterday, dwindled down to one case.

Mr. W. E. Kelly, K.C., announced that the case, Sovereign vs. Harvey Co. Ltd., had been settled out of court.

With the consent of the defence, Mr. T. J. Ager moved an order for the transition of the Smith vs. M. C. R. dances case, to the spring sitting, necessary witnesses. The order was granted.

There was but one item left: the King vs. John Farr, on a charge of rape. The case arose through the twelfth of July celebration which John pulled off, and concerned a ward of the Children's Aid Society.

Direct evidence of the young girl and of respectable citizens who saw them on the evening of the 12th was produced by H. P. Innes, K.C. who was acting crown attorney for the day.

Against this, Mrs. Ribble, her son William, and Farr himself, attempted to establish an alibi.

His Honor Censures Prisoner
"You did yourself no credit by going into that witness box and swearing what every man must have known was not true. Guilty or not guilty, you deserve some punishment for the life you have been living. I sentence you to the reformatory for not less than six months and not more than two years less one day. The length of your confinement will depend upon your conduct."

Mrs. Ribble Lingers
The case closed, and the jury out, in for information and out again, Mrs. Ribble lingered in court and, before retiring, sat behind the prisoner's box an abject, apparently affectionate, wife-to-wife with the prisoner.

Mr. W. E. Kelly, who had interests of Farr in hand, made a splendid showing with a weak case, so much so that though but six or seven witnesses were called, the jury was on the verge of a disagreement.

PIRATES HAVE A NEW LEADER

Dismissal of Admiral von Capelle is Expected.

HE FAILED TO MAKE GOOD

The Reported Change That is Being Made in the German Admiralty May Be Taken as an Indication That the Apostles of Rightfulness Are Not as Powerful as They Were Previously.

It looks as though Admiral von Capelle, one of the leading spirits of Hun piracy, will have to go. He is at present "on leave," to quote the German announcement, and his post as the Kaiser's Imperial Minister of the Navy has been filled for the time being by Vice-Admiral Behncke. Ever since it became certain that the submarine policy fathered by von Tir-



ADMIRAL VON CAPELLE.

pitz and pressed by von Capelle had proved a failure, his position has not been any too secure. Then came the mutiny in the Kiel Canal, when German sailors killed their officers because they objected to being ordered to sea and to certain death in the U-boats. At that time von Capelle came very close to being retired, but the Pan-Germans saved him, as they feared that the new Minister of the Navy might not be an apostle of rightfulness. That they were right in their guess is indicated by the choice of Behncke. Commenting on the appointment, the Tagblatt, of Berlin, recalls that Admiral Behncke, when deputy chief of the Admiralty staff, told the American naval attaché at Berlin that, although the staff was convinced the employment of U-boats would greatly influence the rapid conclusion of peace, regard must be paid neutral ships and human life aboard all mercantile vessels, whether under neutral or enemy flags. He is quoted as having said that the German Admiralty staff did not wish to employ submarines in defiance of international law.

Birds in War.

For years an ardent sportsman, Capt. Herbert W. McBride naturally turned for relaxation to observation of such animal life as he could find on the battle's edge when he got to the war, and his relation of these observations forms by no means the least interesting part of his book, "The Emma Gees." He found that the birds and other forms of wild life seemed to be little affected by the continual noise of shells and guns. "Pheasants, partridges, and rabbits were numerous at one point in and behind our lines, and I have seen them running about, feeding or playing, when shells were falling and bursting all about them, without showing any signs of fear," he writes. "Indeed, they were sometimes killed by the shells, especially shrapnel, but those unhurt would 'carry on' with the business in hand indifferent to the fate of their companions." Robins, sitting out in front on the barbed wire "were often used as targets by men firing experimental shots." A pair of swallows reared a family in a dugout, the nest being "within a few feet of my head when I was in my bunk." The account of the doings of a pair of magpies is worth quoting:

"I watched a pair of magpies who were building a nest in a tree near our station. A shell had struck the tree, below the nest, and had cut it in half, while a large branch had lodged just above the nest. The whole thing was swaying dangerously in the light breeze, and a strong wind would surely bring it down, but that pair of chattering magpies appeared to be debating whether to continue their work or move elsewhere. One would hop down to the place where the shell had hit, and, focking his head this way and that, would loose a flood of magpie-talk that would bring his mate to him, and then they would both investigate, flying to the shattered place, clinging to the bark, and picking out splinters and pieces of wood. Then they would go up aloft and consult about the nest itself. I watched them for the better part of an hour, when the verdict appeared to be to 'take a chance' and go ahead with the building."

PIPER PLAYED AS HIS COMPANIONS WENT OVER TOP

Extraordinary Bravery Wins Victoria Cross for Manitoba Soldier

London, Oct. 23.—Five new Victoria Crosses have been awarded, the recipients of three of which have been killed. The most thrilling account accompanies the award to Piper James Richardson of a Manitoba regiment. Prior to the attack he obtained permission to play his company "over the top." As the company came over it was held up by very strong wire and came under intense fire which caused casualties and momentarily demoralized the formation. Richardson, realizing the situation, strode up and down with the greatest coolness. The effect was instant-motus, inspired by his splendid example, the company rushed the wire with such fury and determination that the obstacle was overcome and the position captured.

Later after participating in bombing operations, he was detailed to take back wounded comrades and prisoners. After proceeding 200 yards he remembered that he had left his pipes behind. Although

strongly warned, he insisted on returning to recover his pipes. He was never seen again, and is accordingly presumed dead through lapse of time.

Ideal League

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new mode of government in Alsace-Lorraine. "Our first and last thought," the chancellor continued, "is for the brave men who are defending themselves against superior forces, and whom we must defend against unjust charges. No one must think he can attack our army without also attacking the honor of our people."

Wm. McFarlane, a Pittsburg farmer, was found guilty at Kingston of having uttered seditious language. A group of Mennonites from the reserve in the vicinity of Morden, Man., left for the new settlement in Alberta.

It is reported that Saskatchewan has increased wheat acreage almost a million acres over last year. In 1917 the acreage seeded to wheat in that province was 8,273,253 acres and this year 9,249,260 acres. This year the figures for new breaking show a total of 614,980 acres, as against 431,880 acres in 1917.

Alberta Government has offered a reward of \$1,000 for the capture of Joe Cameron, alias E. B. Madors, the murderer of Sam. Sessler and Constable Beavers, dead or alive.



On them the Shadow fell

THESE, our little Canadians, born to freedom, to a heritage of happiness, Germany's greed would enslave. For they were heirs to Canada's boundless wealth—our mines, our forests, our teeming fields—the Hun hungered for these riches of Canada.

In his plans for world power, Canada was not overlooked in the German scheme of plundering the nations. Doubtless there are to-day in Berlin plans for the apportionment of concessions of Canada's natural resources, plans for the government of Canada, for the policing of our cities, the levying of taxes, for enforced adoption of the German language as was done in Lorraine after 1871, and all the other systems of government by German methods.

And a brutal German soldiery would have enforced those systems by which the people would have been enslaved and every vestige of freedom and independence destroyed.

If Prussian plans had carried the smile

would have passed forever from the happy little faces in our homes.

Our boys and girls—heirs to Canada's riches—would have worked as slaves in their own mines, in their forests, their fields and factories.

The fruits of their toil, the wealth of Canada, theirs by right, would have been borne across the seas to fatten the German beast.

While the beast lives, his venom, his gall, his merciless, monstrous ambition threaten our homes.

Canada—young, high-spirited, independent—must stand firm.

Canada must use the wealth the Hun lusts after to crush him to earth.

Canada's strength, the united strength of each and every true Canadian, must raise the shield of protection for the generations to come.

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