

BRITISH FORCES ADVANCE TWO TO THREE MILES

With the British Armies in France, via London, April 9.—The war on the western front, which has been moving more rapidly in the past five weeks, broke into full swing today.

A visit to corps headquarters this afternoon indicated that the number of prisoners taken in the past twelve hours will exceed five thousand.

The heaviest fighting today developed along a line a few miles southeast of Arras in a northerly direction to the neighborhood of Lens, but the actions extended far in the direction of St. Quentin.

The fighting on Vimy Ridge was carried out by the Canadians who had retained a footing on the ridge all winter, but always higher up was the enemy.

It was said everywhere along the attacking line that the Germans appeared to have been taken by surprise, and only in a few instances did they put up a strong fight.

From the high ground overlooking Arras a panoramic view for many miles of the British attack was presented.

Approaching the battlefield well before dawn, the reflection of the gun flashes against the low-hanging clouds gave the inevitable impression of a continuous play of sheet lightning.

FRANKFORD

Mrs. Ed. Prentice was in Belleville and Foxboro on Tuesday. Sapper J. W. Stevens of the Signal Training Depot Ottawa was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Spencer for a few days.

Miss Effie Spencer spent Wednesday with Mrs. S. Meyers at Johnstown. Mrs. Blake Stickle and Mrs. Montgomery left on Wednesday for their homes in the West.

A number from town and surrounding country were in Belleville on the 4th attending the trial of Louis George and the Holstein sale.

Some of the young people of town attended the show at Weller's Opera House at Trenton on Wednesday evening.

Our Public and High schools closed on Thursday and the teachers left for their homes to spend their Easter holidays.

Thursday forenoon about 10 a.m. a large piece of the fill of the canal above the bridge gave way and the water is pouring out of the canal into the river.

The rain and snow storm of Thursday did a great deal of damage to the electric lights poles and wires also to the telephone.

Ptes. Ezra and Roy Saries of the 225th are home on their last leave before going overseas.

Bandman Fraser of the 254th arrived home on Friday morning. Mr. Rogers of Peterboro came in town on Friday.

Misses Katie and Alice Windover also Miss Fern Ford are home for their holidays.

Mrs. J. Chapman is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Douglas Blecker in Trenton.

Misses Jack Simmons, Earl Bell and Don Mott are holidaying at their homes in town.

Service was held in Trinity Church Good Friday at 11 a. m., by Rev. B. F. Byars.

Mrs. B. Chace. Miss Ada Munn of Belleville spent Sunday and Monday with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter are visiting their daughter, Mrs. W. W. Carter in town as they are leaving soon for Toronto.

Mr. W. W. Pettit is spending Easter with his daughter, Mrs. Brownell of St. Catharines.

Mrs. Dave Benedict of Glen Ross spent Merday with Mrs. G. V. Benedict.

EAST END.

Eastend, Sask., April 1, 1917. Our school has opened for the summer with Miss Ostlund as teacher.

It has the appearance of spring today. The snow is fast disappearing. It was the 4th of April when we started to sow in 1916.

I see by The Ontario that there is a potato famine there. We have lots of potatoes here. They retail for \$1.60 a bushel.

'Chinks' truck-farming near to town and they had about seven carloads. They disposed of two carloads last fall for 75c a sack.

It is a pleasure to see a large patch of potatoes growing, with no bugs chewing the tops off after fighting them for years in Ontario.

Mr. Sturton Badgley, of Blessington, Ontario, is visiting Mr. James Ross. He has been to Saskatchewan and other principal points in the West.

He says that he likes the land around Eastend the best of any he has seen yet. He thinks he will make a permanent home here some day.

He thinks the change of climate has something to do with his appetite for he can eat four meals a day when he can get them.

The good crops are bringing the price of land up. It runs from \$35 to \$40 per acre, according to location.

There has been a good demand for horses in Eastend this spring. Toronto spent Easter with Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Huffman and Mr. McBeth

GET READY FOR GARDEN

How to Plan Your Work and Work to a Plan. EVERYBODY GROW EATABLES

J. Ross. First of Series of Timely Hints—Get Your Ground Ready Now, but Don't Be in Too Much of a Hurry to Put in the Seed.

(By S. C. JOHNSTON, Vegetable Specialist, Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)

At no time in many years has the necessity and importance of the home vegetable garden been so clearly shown as for this coming summer.

France, our wonderful ally, has since the French Revolution been a nation of small farmers, her people small means cultivating some available land to produce a portion of their own household foodstuffs.

Great Britain, threatened with a shortage of foodstuffs, determined to cultivate all available land possible to offset this shortage.

Canada bending every energy toward facilitating these great nations should be able to do something in the help of helping themselves and assisting the commercial vegetable growers who are so handicapped by the shortage of labor in the production of vegetable foodstuffs.

Every city, town, and village dweller has an opportunity to help this great work. There are hundreds of acres of available plots now practically unproductive which could be made good vegetables and thus add to the wealth of the country.

Vegetables should form an important portion of the daily food of the average human being for they possess qualities which we are told are essential in the proper digestion of the heavy foods, such as meats.

To help you do your part in your backyard, we have drawn up a chart to help you decide what you will direct some of the practical problems in connection with vegetable growing during the next few weeks.

All backyards cannot be prepared in the same way. Some portion of the yard, however, may be devoted to this purpose, or, if it is convenient, there are usually many vacant lots which are not on one's place of abode which possibly could be devoted to the growing of vegetables.

Some Essentials. First of all it is essential that the vegetable garden, no matter how small, be planted according to some plan or rule.

No one attempts to build a house or to set out a perennial flower border without using some plan or chart to go by. Why should the vegetable garden be treated differently? Haphazard planting will prove a failure, and in order to overcome this it should be remembered that in laying out the garden there are three things to be considered:

(1) Tall plants will be most effective if placed behind low ones, not intermingled with them.

(2) All plants closely allied should be grown together, not in the same row, but in rows adjoining one another.

(3) The fences may be decorated with the crops which may be supported on the fences by means of strings or lattice work.

(4) All quickly maturing vegetables should be planted in a portion of the garden by themselves so that they may be harvested and the ground used for other crops later on.

The work of planning the garden to determine what vegetables and how much of each to be grown will be influenced by one's individual tastes. One should grow an abundance of such crops as one consumes the most.

Secure Seeds Now.—But Plant Only When Soil is Ready. The backyard gardener should decide very early which crops are to be grown and should purchase his seed as soon as possible.

It must be remembered, however, that much of this seed may be wasted if it is planted too early in the season. The soil must be warm to receive the seeds, and amateur gardeners must have patience until it is certain that good growing weather is really here.

It is possible in ordinary seasons to plant some vegetables in April, and yet many backyard vegetable enthusiasts will be well advised to wait until the middle of May before doing very much in the garden.

Suitable Varieties. A list of varieties suitable for gardens made by city, town, and village dwellers follows: Asparagus — Palmetto, Conovers Colossal.

Beans — Davis White Wax, Golden Wax, Refugee. Beets — Crosby's Egyptian, Detroit Dark Red.

Brussels Sprouts — Dalkeith, Carrots — Chantenay, Cauliflower — Erfurt, Snowball. Cabbage — Copenhagen Market, Danish Ball Head.

Celery Paris, Golden Winter Queen. Corn — Golden Bantam, Stowell's Evergreen.

Cucumber — White Spine, Chicago Pickling. Citron — Colorado Preserving. Lettuce — Grand Rapids, Nonpareil Melon, Musk — Paul Rose.

Shelton Water — Cole's Early Onions — Southport, Yellow Globe Parsnip — Hollow Crown, Parsley — Champion Moss Curled, Peas — Gradus, Little Marvel.

Potatoes — Irish Cobbler, Delaware. Pumpkin — Quaker Pie. Radish — Scarlet White Tip, Turnip, Ne Plus Ultra, (winter) Chinas Tops.

Squash — Victoria, Viroday, Squash — Bush Marrow, Salsify — Sandwich Island.

Tomatoes — Chalks Jewel, Tumbler, Early Six Weeks, Rhubarb — Victoria, Linneans.

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THE MARKETS

TORONTO, April 10.—The Board of Trade official market quotations for yesterday:

Manitoba Wheat (Track, Bay Price). No. 1 northern, \$2.25, nominal. No. 2 northern, \$2.24, nominal.

Manitoba Oats (All Rail, Delivered). No. 2 C.W., 75c. No. 3 C.W., 71c. Extra No. 1 feed, 77c.

No. 1 feed, 76c. American Corn (Track, Toronto). No. 2 yellow, \$1.32, subject to outside.

Ontario Oats (According to Freight Outside). No. 2 white, 78c, nominal. No. 3 white, 76c to 77c, nominal.

Ontario Wheat (According to Freight Outside). No. 2 winter, per car lot, \$2 to \$2.02. No. 3 winter, per car lot, \$1.95 to \$2.00.

Manitoba Flour (Toronto). First patents, in 48 lbs. bags, \$10.30. Strong bakers' in 48 lbs. bags, \$9.80.

Ontario Flour (Prompts Shipments). Winter, according to sample, \$3.35 to \$3.45, in bags, track, Toronto, \$3.10 to \$3.20, bulk, subject to outside.

Milled (Car Lots, Delivered, Montreal). No. 2, bulk, subject to outside. Bran, per ton, \$38. Shorts, per ton, \$40 to \$42.

Midlands, per ton, \$43 to \$45. Good feed flour, per bag, \$2.70 to \$2.80. Extra No. 1, \$1.50 to \$2.50 per ton. Mixed, per ton, \$3.50 to \$4.00.

Car lots, per ton, \$7 to \$7.50. Farmers' Market. Fall wheat, 42 to 43 per bushel. Barley—Malt, \$1.25 per bushel. Buckwheat, \$1.25 per bushel.

Eye—According to sample, nominal. No. 1, \$1.25 to \$1.35 per ton. Mixed and clover, \$3 to \$4 per ton.

WINNIPEG GRAIN MARKET. Winnipeg, April 9.—Wheat closed 3/4c down for May, 3/4c down for July and October, 1/2c up for May and July, 1/2c up for July and October.

Barley was 1/2c down for May and July, 1/2c up for July and October. The market showed a strong undertone, chiefly on buying by the professional shippers. The advance met with considerable resistance.

Near the close liquidation by long broke prices sharply. The advance met with considerable resistance. The cash market was heavy.

Wheat—High, Low, Close. May 21 1/2 20 1/2 20 3/4 July 20 1/2 19 1/2 19 3/4 Oct. 17 1/2 17 1/2 17 1/2

Barley—High, Low, Close. May 68 67 67 67 July 67 66 66 66 Oct. 65 64 64 64

Flax—High, Low, Close. May 23 23 23 23 July 23 23 23 23 Oct. 23 23 23 23

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET. Wheat—Open, High, Low, Close, Prev. Close. May 212 215 205 207 212 1/2 July 183 177 183 177 175 1/2

Corn—High, Low, Close. May 130 134 134 134 134 1/2 July 131 134 134 134 134 1/2 Sep. 134 134 134 134 134 1/2

Soybeans—High, Low, Close. May 67 67 67 67 67 1/2 July 67 67 67 67 67 1/2 Sep. 67 67 67 67 67 1/2

Port—High, Low, Close. May 37.40 38.50 37.40 37.40 37.15 July 37.70 38.05 37.40 37.40 36.75

Lard—High, Low, Close. May 21.37 21.60 21.30 21.32 21.20 July 21.65 21.90 21.65 21.70 21.45

May 19.77 20.00 19.75 19.85 19.55 July 19.50 20.25 19.55 20.00 19.73

CATTLE MARKETS. UNION STOCK YARDS. TORONTO, April 10.—Receipts of live stock at the Union Stock Yards yesterday consisted of 71 cars—1,336 cattle, 90 calves, 424 hogs and 22 sheep and lambs.

Heavy steers—Choice, \$11.75 to \$12.25; good, \$11.25 to \$11.75. Butcher steers and heifers—Choice, \$11.25 to \$11.75; good, \$10.75 to \$11.25.

Cows—Choice, \$9.75 to \$10.25; good, \$9 to \$9.75. Medium, \$8.25 to \$8.75; common, \$7 to \$8.25.

Stockers and feeders—Best, \$9.50 to \$10; medium, \$8.75 to \$9.25; common, \$7.50 to \$8.25.

Lamb—Spring lambs, \$7 to \$14 each; yearling lambs, \$6 to \$14.75; wethers, \$6 to \$12 lb.

Sheep—Light, 10 1/2 to 11 1/2 lb.; heavy, \$14 to \$16 lb. Calves—Choice, 14c to 16c; medium, 12c to 14c; common, 10c to 12c.

Hogs—Fed and watered, \$15.50; weight of carcass, \$11.50. Less 2c to 2.50 off hogs, \$4 to \$5 off pigs, \$1 off light hogs and \$2 off thin feeder pigs, and half of one per cent. government condemnation loss.

BUFFALO LIVE STOCK. East Buffalo, April 9.—Cattle—Receipts, 200; active and higher; shipping steers, \$3.50 to \$4; butchers, \$3 to \$4; heifers, \$2.50 to \$3; cows, \$2.25 to \$3; bulls, \$2 to \$3; stockers and feeders, \$2 to \$3.75; fresh cows and springers, active and steady, \$4 to \$11.50.

Veals—Receipts, 3000; active, \$5 to \$14.50. Hogs—Receipts, 1800; active and strong; heavy and mixed, \$12.25 to \$12.40; Yorkers, \$12.25 to \$12.50; light Yorkers, \$12 to \$12.25; roughs, \$11.25 to \$11.50; steers, \$12 to \$12.

Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 4000; active; lambs closed slow; lambs, \$12 to \$12.50; yearlings, \$11 to \$11.75; wethers, \$13 to \$13.25; ewes, \$5 to \$12.50; mixed sheep, \$12.50 to \$12.75; clipped lambs, \$19 to \$12.

Belgian Relief Ship Sunk. LONDON, April 10.—The Norwegian steamer Camilla, with a cargo of corn for the Belgian Relief Commission, according to a Reuter despatch from Copenhagen, has been sunk without warning, with the loss of two lives.

The vessel was sunk off the coast of Jaderon, south of Stavanger, Norway, and nine survivors and the two dead have arrived at Skudeneshavn, Norway. The survivors were picked up by a steamer.

The Norwegian steamer Camilla, of 2,273 gross tons, 291 feet long, was owned in Bergen.

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DOUBLE WEDDING

A happy event took place at the home of Mrs. Gillard 221 Coleman Street last evening when her daughter, Cynthia Alzina Deline was united in marriage to Mr. Albert Edward Hill, one of the veterans of the present war.

At the same time Miss Ethel Huffman of Belleville was united in marriage to Mr. Joseph Albert Ralph of Toronto, enlisted with the Mechanical Transport service.

The home was prettily decorated with flags and the wedding ceremony was performed beneath the folds of a large Canadian ensign.

Mr. George Deline acted the part of groomsmen for Mr. Hill and Miss Deline's bridesmaid was Miss Gladys Riggs. Mr. Ralph was assisted by his brother, Mr. Alfrén Ralph also in Khaki and Miss Evelyn Phillips performed the duty of bridesmaid for Miss Huffman.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Scott of Bridge St. Methodist Church. A large number of guests were present amongst whom were a goodly number of men in Khaki. After the ceremony the guests sat down to a sumptuous wedding dinner. Both young couples have the hearty good wishes of a host of friends.

A quiet wedding was solemnized this morning at 11 a.m. at the Holloway Street Parsonage, when Rev. J. N. Clarry united in marriage Mr. Bertram Reid of Thurlow and Miss Minnie Gertrude Davis, of Frankford. The groom was assisted by Bugler J. J. Reid of the 254th and Miss Emily Yateman assisted the bride. The young couple will reside at Point Anne.

At the Holloway St. parsonage by Rev. J. N. Clarry, on Easter Monday at 2.30 John James Hurley, of Toronto, and Miss Esther Lorraine Washburn of Nanapanee, were joined in the holy bonds of wedlock. They were unattended. They will reside in Toronto.

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ADDING RAILLERY TO TORONTO. Belgian Ministers of State Reply to Von Bissing.

In the reply of the Belgian Ministers of State to Governor General Von Bissing, the following striking passage occurs: "You ask us, Monsieur le Gouverneur-General, to try and calm the unemployed, to tranquilize them, to explain to them that deportations are only in the public interest, to remedy a chronic state of inactivity which is rusting and demoralizing them, and to pull them out of the mire of distress which the Allies' blockade have plunged them into. Oh! the galling derision!"

"What would such lamentable representations amount to for our laboring classes, with their own knowledge acquired through two years' experience? How would they receive such pitiful excuses? And could they not justly upbraid us for thus adding railleury to their torments?"

Of these deportations, to which the Belgian Ministers refer, of the extreme brutality with which they are executed, of the scenes of desolation which naturally accompany them, not one detail is challenged or contested by Von Bissing.

The misery of Belgium is at this moment indescribable. If Canadians could spend but one day in any Belgian city or village they

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