

Slow, Steady, Certain Is Advance of the Allies

VISITORS' DAY
BETTER THAN
WAS EXPECTED

Youngsters Swarm in Thousands to Western Fair Grounds Today.

BEATING ALL RECORDS

Crowds Larger Than Even Those That Attended Exhibition Yesterday.

CHILDREN OUT EN MASSE

School Holiday Gives Them Opportunity to See the Sights.

Today fulfilled the most sanguine hopes of the Western Fair directors. The weather was again magnificent, and the crowds were as great if not greater than yesterday.

Officially this is "Visitors' Day" at the Western Fair, but the school children, availing themselves of the two days' holiday declared by the board of education, have taken possession. They are the most interested, as well as the most numerous, visitors on the grounds, taking the keenest delight in all the wonderful things exhibited.

The biggest rush of children occurred in the early afternoon hours, when the youngsters came out in their thousands, with their parents or older brothers and sisters. Their first thought was for the Midway, and nothing would do but they must see the freaks and curiosities, which, the harkens declared, could not be duplicated in all the wide world.

In the afternoon they formed a big proportion of the crowd in the grand stand, and their shrieks of delight at the antics of the funny and infected older people with the spirit of mirth, so that they became children themselves for the time being.

At the noon meeting of the directors the members congratulated themselves on an even better fair than they had hoped for. With only one more day to go, they were confident that the final figures would show an attendance in advance of all previous years.

On a motion by William Moore, it was decided to recognize the bravery of Gordon Wiley, 115 Edward street, the lad who climbed the water pipe of the horticultural building when fire broke out in the roof last night, and, by tearing out some of the shingles, prevented the blaze from spreading. He is to be given \$5 as a mark of the directors' appreciation of his action.

May Have Permanent Fire Wall. Capt. W. J. Reid, the president, also reported that Fire Chief Altken had promised to have a company of firefighters stationed inside the entrance gates this evening and tomorrow. The chief also offered to quarter a permanent staff at the fair in future years if a building is provided in which to keep a reel.

Secretary A. M. Hunt was instructed to invite all the city commissioners and aldermen to take lunch with the directors at noon tomorrow.

This morning the exhibitors of live stock were busy stringing over the pens the prize ribbons won at this and other fairs during the year. The effect of the red, blue, yellow and white ladges was very pretty, and many visitors stopped to admire and comment on the quality of the animals responsible for the decoration.

On one line of stalls, where the sheep exhibit from the estate of Peter Arkell & Sons, Teeswater, was quartered, were displayed no less than 250 first, second, third and fourth prize ribbons and rosettes won in Saskatoon, Toronto and London during 1914. A magnificent herd of Holstein cattle shown by the Forest Ridge stock farm, Stafforville, also were in stalls decorated with an almost equal number of ribbons.

Take Only Second Here. A fact which is worthy of notice is that many of the animals which took first prizes in Toronto and the first prizes here, indicating that the general quality of the live stock exhibits at the Western Fair is higher than at the Canadian National Exhibition or the Saskatoon Fair.

NEW BISHOP OF OREGON. [Canadian Press.] Portland, Ore., Sept. 17.—Rev. Walter T. Summer, dean of the Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul, Chicago, was elected Episcopal Bishop of Oregon early today.

Crown Prince of Germany at the Front.



Frederick William, who is in command of the left wing of the great German army now in retreat, talking to two officers of the Death Head Hussars.

60,000 CANADIANS TO BE PLACED IN THE FIELD

Second Force To Be Organized Immediately After First Contingent Has Sailed—17,000 Men in Next Detachment—Replacements Will Increase the Total.

(Special to The Advertiser.) Ottawa, Sept. 17.—Preparations for winter mobilization of forces in Canada have already begun.

The British war office expects 40,000 men from Canada. As soon as the first expeditionary force sails there will be a mustering at the various Canadian centres of more men. The second force will contain about 2,000 cavalry or mounted infantry, with three infantry brigades, totalling 12,000 men, and transport, hospital and other units, bringing the total to 17,000.

The whole Canadian force is being prepared for two years' service. It is estimated that 60 per cent of a military force on active service will have to be replaced each year. It is calculated that Canada will have 60,000 men in the field in Europe within two years.

At a dollar and ten cents a day for privates, and pay in proportion for officers, the Canadian soldiers will be the most highly-paid of any in the war. They will get more than twice the sum paid to the British soldiers, and a good deal more than the allowance of the French, Russian or German soldiers.

ITALY CALLS UP
HER RESERVISTS

Taken as Sign That She Will Soon Enter Actively Into Struggle.

[Canadian Press.] London, Sept. 17.—2:40 p.m.—In a dispatch from Paris, the correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says that the Italian reservists in the French capital have been called for September 28. They believe, the correspondent says, that this means Italy's entrance into the war.

GERMANS CHANGE
PLAN OF CAMPAIGN

Will Maintain the Defensive Against Allies in West, While Undertaking the Offensive in East.

Rome, via London, Sept. 17.—10:20 a.m.—The Tribune states that the German headquarters staff has adopted a new plan of campaign, which consists of maintaining the defensive against the allies in the west, while undertaking an offensive movement against the Russians, in which twelve army corps will be employed.

AWAKENED BY FLASHLIGHT;
FINDS BURGLAR IN ROOM

Wellington Street Girl, Too Terrified to Move, Watches Man Ransack Room in Early Morning Hours—Entry Gained Through Pantry Window.

With the light from a powerful pocket electric flash shining on her face, Miss T. Shea, 614 Wellington street, awoke about 4 o'clock Monday morning to find a masked burglar leaning over her bed. She was able to suppress the shriek that came to her lips, and to lie perfectly still until the man, satisfied that she was unconscious of his presence, turned to ransack the room.

The man, who was a big fellow, moved rapidly about the room, evidently in search of money, for when he failed to find any, Miss Shea could hear him swearing softly under his breath.

Diamonds Lie Untouched. He made no attempt to open dresser drawers or trunks in the room. In the top drawer of the dresser were many valuable diamonds and other rings, but apparently the stranger did not care to risk detection through the rasp of an opening drawer.

Too terrified to utter a sound, Miss Shea heard him leave the room and stealthily descend the stairs. To an advertiser reporter, this afternoon, she stated that it seemed an age before she detected a noise made by the side door being opened and heard the screen slam as the man left.

Miss Shea aroused her father and a girl friend, and the trio hurried down stairs to investigate. Contrary to their expectations, nothing had been taken, and everything was in its accustomed place. From this the conclusion is drawn that the man was an amateur.

Moves Articles From Bill. Entry was made through the pantry window near the rear of the house. A creek of butter and several other articles, standing on the windowsill, were carefully placed on a cot next door.

ALLIES' DASH
ACROSS RIVER
WAS THRILLING

One of Most Spectacular Successes Ever Made by Attacking Force.

CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP

Report That Von Hindenberg Has Been Given Command in West.

AUSTRIANS IN SHELTER

Under Guns of Przemyśl With Russians Only Nineteen Miles Away.

[Canadian Press.] London, Sept. 17.—10:15 a.m.—Along a 90-mile front the German armies are at bay, and the allies are occupying a ledge across the River Aisne, which was won after one of the most spectacular and thrilling river crossings ever made by an attacking force under fire.

For the past two days there have been sporadic attacks from both sides along this line; but, according to admissions from the rival headquarters, they have not produced any definite results. Both sides have suffered enormously during the past week, and the present pause undoubtedly is being used to bring up reinforcements and supplies.

Germans Hurry Back. Petrograd reports that the flower of the German corps detached for service in East Prussia are again hurrying back to the western front, and Stockholm learns that Gen. Von Hindenberg, flushed with victory against the Russians on the East Prussian frontier, has been urgently summoned to command the western army.

Something of the horrors of modern war.

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GERMAN ARMY CONTINUES TO FALL BACK
UNDER GRUELLING ATTACK OF ALLIESGERMAN GENERALS ARE
NOW BEING REMOVED

[Canadian Press.] Berlin, Sept. 17.—A wireless telegraph by way of Sayville, L. I.—An official report given out at army headquarters at midnight says that the French front remains unchanged. Owing to illness, Gen. Von Hausen, former commander of the second, or Saxon, army, has been replaced by Gen. Von Elnen, former minister of war. Gen. Von Hausen is 68 years old. Another change in leadership has taken place in the Fourteenth Reserve Corps, where Gen. Von Schubert has been replaced by Quartermaster-Gen. Von Stein, the well-known editor of the official war reports, and the author of the laconic war bulletins.

FIRST LETTER IN CITY FROM
BRITISH SOLDIER AT FRONT

Sister of Corporal Receives Censored Missive From Expeditionary Force.

Brave Son, Brave Father

Boy Hopes That He Will Prove "Half as Good" as His Father.

"Our dear father was a good soldier, Laurie. I only hope to prove myself half as good, and I shall be quite satisfied."—From the letter written at the front by Lance-Corp. L. R. Cain.

The above is an extract from the first letter received in this city from a British soldier in action in France, and published by The Advertiser through the courtesy of Mrs. William Giles, of Springbank, sister of Lance-Corp. Cain, who wrote the letter to his sister, Nurse R. L. Cain, in England.

Since the letter was written, some time late in August, Corp. Cain will have been engaged in many battles. That he has proved himself "half as good" as his father, which is the aim of his life, may have been given to his country.

Letter Is Censored. The name of the place from which the letter was written is deleted by the censors. Also the name of his regiment is cut out, and his request that his address be given to his sweetheart may have been in vain.

Corp. Cain does not believe the war will last long, "because all nations seem to be against these wretched Germans." The British soldier's proverbial love for cleanliness even when in action is signified in Corp. Cain's request for shaving soap. His reference to "getting back into the uniform" is made because of his service in South Africa.

The letter is as follows: 5749, L. R. C. S. Cain (deleted by censors), "A" Company (deleted by censors), On Active Service. My Darling Laurie—Just a line or two in answer to your most welcome letter, which I received quite safely in the mail. You ought to have been here to have seen the charge when the mail comes up. I cannot tell you how excited where we are, because all of our letters are strictly censored.

I am glad to be able to tell you I am enjoying the very best of health. I shall not be wanting anything in the way of underclothing, because anything like that is only extra weight to carry.

One thing that we cannot get much of, though, is English tobacco. I miss it very much, because I am now smoking a pipe.

Will you please send my above address to my sweetheart, which I can guarantee we are having a good time. We are all living well—football and baseball matches and campfire concerts at night. Which of it all over I will tell you how we have been to, and the places we have been to.

Don't worry much about me, Laurie, because, as yet, we have done well, but I can tell you one thing: You know more news than we know here. I shall write while I am out here now each Sunday, to let you know I am in health.

As soon as the mobilization order was put up I left London at once to get back into the uniform, and I will do so again and again. Our dear father was a good soldier, Laurie. I only hope to prove myself half as good and I shall be quite satisfied.

I shall soon be coming home, because this war cannot last very long, can it? Because everybody (all nations) seem to be against these wretched Germans.

I think this is all I can say now, Laurie, so with all my love—and send on the news to Kate and my sweetheart, as my writing paper is very limited. I would also be glad if you could send me some, and shaving soap.

All my dearest love to you, and you can rely on me to return safely. I remain, your loving brother. (Signed) CLARENCE.

MUST HAVE FULL ADDRESS. [Canadian Press.] Washington, D. C., Sept. 17.—In future mail addressed to business houses that does not bear the street number of the addressee will not be delivered by the carrier, but will be placed in the general delivery of postoffices, according to an order issued today by First Assistant Postmaster General Roper.

[Canadian Press.] London, Sept. 17.—3:10 p.m.—The Women's Tax Resistance League, composed mainly of suffragettes, and whose motto is "No Vote, No Tax," has decided to pay taxes this year on account of the war. It notified the Government to this effect today. In the past members of the league frequently have sacrificed their property rather than pay taxes.

[Canadian Press.] Queenstown, Sept. 17.—Via London, 5:07 p.m.—The Holland-American Line steamship Ryndam, which sailed from New York September 8 for Rotterdam, was seized by a British warship and brought into Cork harbor today.

Awful Pummeling of Kaiser's Hosts Continues, and While Progress of British-French Is Slow, It Appears Sure

(Canadian Press.) Paris, Sept. 17.—5:20 p.m.—The Germans are slowly giving way in the great battle that continues today all along the line of the River Aisne, according to official announcement made in Paris this afternoon.

The text of the official communication is as follows: "First—On our left wing the resistance of the enemy on the heights to the north of the River Aisne has continued, in spite of the fact that the enemy gave back slightly at certain points.

"Second—On the centre, between Berry-Au-Bac, on the River Aisne, and the Argonne, the situation shows no change. The enemy continues to fortify himself along the line previously indicated. Between the Argonne and the Meuse the Germans are entrenching themselves in the vicinity of Mont Faucon. In the Woivre district we have come in contact with several detachments of the enemy between Etant and Thiaucourt.

"Third—On the right wing in Lorraine and the Vosges, there has been no change.

GREAT FIGHT STILL IN PROGRESS. Summing up, the battle is being continued along the entire front between the River Oise and the River Meuse. The Germans occupy positions organized for defense and armed with heavy artillery.

"Our progress is of necessity slow, but our troops are animated by a spirit of offensive action and they are giving evidence of vigor and enthusiasm. They have repulsed with success the counter attacks undertaken by the enemy both during the day and at night. The morale of the French soldiers is excellent.

"The Austrian armies evacuating Galicia are in full rout. Their losses in killed, wounded and prisoners are estimated at several hundred thousand men. The German army corps which went to their succor are retreating."

GERMANS ARE REINFORCING

(Canadian Press.) Washington, D. C., Sept. 17.—The French embassy today announced receipt of the following dispatch from Bordeaux: "On the 14th and 15th of September the rear of the enemy has been in touch with the pursuing forces of our army. The rear of the enemy has been reinforced by German troops. The enemy was forced to accept battle along the whole front, part of which was strongly organized.

"The allies are on the north of Vich-Sur-Naisme, Soissons and Laon, and also the high hills on the north of France. The line reaches on the north to a place, Ville-Sur-Tourve, a town on the west of Argonne Mountains, and continues over the Argonne by a line passing to the north of Varennes. This last place has been evacuated by the enemy, who has reached the River Meuse close to the forests of Forges on the north of Verdun.

ALLIES HAVE RIVER AT BACK
WITH GERMANS ON HEIGHTS

Allies' Right Has Crown Prince's Army Demoralized and Suffering From Lack of Provisions—Evidence Does Not Show Kaiser's Desire for Peace.

(Canadian Press.) Paris, Sept. 17.—7 a.m.—The rear guard action, supposed at first to be intended as a check to pursuit and to facilitate the retreat of the mass of the armies of Generals Von Kluck and Von Buelow has developed into what will probably be called in history the battle of Aisne. Whether the Germans found it necessary or advisable to turn and engage in a general action, this great battle wages fiercely and rivals in importance the battle of the Marne.

The war office says that the French have not flinched at any point. This sounds as if they were on the defensive, and this might be so in view of the strength of the position the Germans occupy. The official communication Sunday said that the French and British had crossed the Aisne. If so, they have the river at their back, while the Germans are strongly entrenched on the heights of Laon and Rheims with their right protected by the Oise and the Aisne at Nevon.

Undetermined Element. The undetermined element in this fight is the allies' right, which is in pursuit of the crown prince's army. All reports indicate that the latter is quite as demoralized as was Von Kluck's army, and is suffering equally from lack of provisions and ammunition. While Von Kluck has no doubt received what he needs in this respect, it is doubtful if the crown prince has.

The issue of the battle may depend upon in what condition the crown prince reaches the front, and whether he can make a stand and prevent the allies from turning the German left.

Fight To Finish. Some of the military experts still think that the Germans hope by this action only to check the onrush of the allies, and that later they will take up the defensive on the Namur line. There was credit even for a rumor current yesterday that Emperor William had ordered Gen. Von Kluck not to resist in France, and that he was ready to listen to offers of peace through Pope Benedict XV, or President Wilson, but the steady stream of wounded coming from the front seems to disprove this, and indicates that the battle will be to a finish.

Rain Helps Allies. There is still no confirmation of the report that the Indian cavalry have landed in France, and are ready for action. Paris is filled with rumors of the imminent co-operation of these troops as well as of the Russians, but the reports are without definite foundation.

In a dispatch reporting the rout of 3,000 German cavalry between Hooglede and Poperinghe, Belgium, the name of the cavalry force operating against them is censored. This combat was violent, and many automobiles with quick-firers, and much ammunition and provisions were captured, though the Germans were said to outnumber their opponents, 2 to 1.

Cold and heavy rains are falling today throughout the fighting zone in northern and eastern France. Military observers are of the opinion that this inclement weather will add to the difficulties of the Germans in great degree than to the French. It will make the use of their heavy field artillery impossible, except on the best roads, and the progress of German supplies, encumbered with men made ill through exposure will be interfered with.



LANCE CORPORAL CAIN, of the expeditionary force, whose letter from the front has been received by his sister here.

ITALIAN ATTACHE
HAS LEFT BERLIN

Insulted in Official Salon By Remarks on Neutrality Maintained By His Country.

[Canadian Press.] Paris, Sept. 17.—According to an article in the newspaper Avanti of Milan, the military attaché of Italy has quit Berlin because of insulting remarks concerning the attitude of Italy in the war, made last Wednesday by the Italian attaché. It is stated that the Italian attaché vigorously resented the remarks.

London Girl Will
Go To the Front

Miss Pauline Ivey, 256 Central Avenue, To Be One of Red Cross Canadian Nurses.

Miss Pauline Ivey, daughter of C. H. Ivey, 256 Central Avenue, is possibly the only London girl who will go to the front with the Red Cross Society nurses, of whom only 100 will leave Canada.

Miss Ivey, who arrived from New York this morning, will report at Ottawa next Wednesday for duty. She graduated last spring from the Presbyterian hospital, New York.

THE WEATHER
THE LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 50; lowest, 49.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 63; lowest, 42.

TOMORROW—FINE AND WARM.
Toronto, Sept. 17.—8 a.m. Forecasts.
Light winds; fine and warm today and on Friday.

Temperatures.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	54	46	Cloudy
Calgary	54	36	Clear
Port Arthur	72	46	Clear
Perry Sound	59	48	Clear
Toronto	78	50	Clear
Ottawa	74	42	Clear
Montreal	74	52	Clear
Quebec	72	52	Clear
Father Point	64	44	Cloudy

A few scattered showers have occurred in Alberta and Saskatchewan, also over Lake Superior.