

BRITISH LINE ON SOMME IMPROVED

Considerable Gain Was Effected Through Slight Night Advance

By Courier Leased Wire
With the British Army in France, June 10.—(By the Associated Press)—A considerable local improvement of the British line just to the south of the Somme was effected last night through a slight advance carried out in the neighborhood of Bouzencourt. Otherwise the night was generally quiet and the situation unchanged. Raids and outpost actions comprised the remainder of the infantry activity.

The enemy shelling which was so heavy on the British right wing Saturday night and Sunday morning preceding the attack against the French has again dropped to normal.

No Element of Surprise
London, June 11.—There is no element of surprise in the renewal of the German offensive. The sector chosen between Novion and Montdidier was anticipated in the reviews of expert opinion recently cabled. The principal objective is the famous town of Compiègne, between which and Novion and the country is densely wooded; but the ultimate objective is obviously Paris. The French line covering the capital forms a salient from Montdidier to Trossieres, on the Oureq, with an extension thence to the Marne at Essomé. Inside this salient the main military center is Compiègne, while Villers-Cotterets is the subsidiary center. All this fortified territory is the last remaining bulwark of Paris. It consists of detached masses of rising ground across the head of the Oise valley and containing the great road and railway towards Paris. The line is vital, and in defending it the Allies are defending the very heart of France. There is little space for retreat and the French and British armies have to bear the weight of battle, but both are still unbroken, and every confidence is felt that Foch's counter-blow will, perhaps, as a French writer says, be a gigantic Verdun and the tomb of the German army. In any case it is expected that the fighting will be protracted, for the battle may be extended north or south by other desperate German attacks.

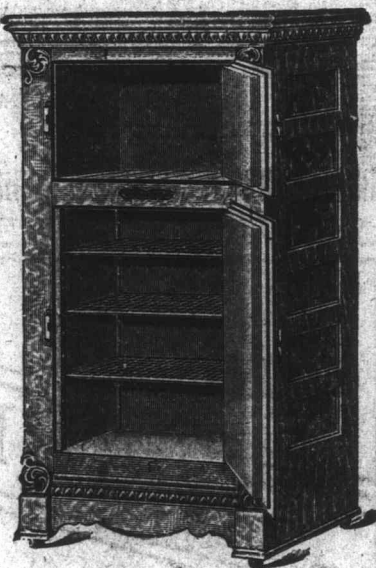
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GREAT POTATO WASTE

Can Be Prevented by Thorough Spraying.

Women's Meetings in Full Swing—The Summer Institute Meetings Are of Benefit to Every Woman Who Attends—Topics to Be Discussed and Work Planned.

(Contributed by Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)

POTATOES are sprayed to prevent such fungus diseases as Early Blight and Late Blight and Rot. These diseases are caused by plants known as fungi. Those fungi which derive their nourishment from living plants injure them in so doing in various ways and thus give rise to what are known as fungus diseases.

In combating the great majority of fungus diseases methods of prevention only are practicable. Spraying potatoes is not done to cure but to prevent disease. In other words the object of spraying is to cover the surface of the leaves and stems with a substance, poisonous to the spores of fungi, in which they cannot grow, and penetrate the plant. Spraying, therefore, in order to be effective, must be timely and thorough. The spray mixture must be on the plants before the spores reach them and the surface of the leaves and stems must be covered so completely that there is not the covering of every portion of the plant. The best results from spraying are obtained when potato sprays are used which are fitted with T-joint attachments, so as to insure covering both surfaces of the leaves at each spraying.

1. Upon the use of the proper fungicide. Bordeaux mixture has so far proved to be the only satisfactory spray mixture for potato diseases.

2. Upon timely and repeated spraying. Spraying should be commenced when the plants are from six to eight inches high and repeated at intervals of from a week to ten days throughout the growing season.

3. Upon the liberal use of Bordeaux mixture. From 50 to 150 gallons of Bordeaux mixture should be used per acre at each application.

4. Upon thorough spraying, which means the covering of every portion of the plant with the Bordeaux mixture in the form of a fine mist. This can be done only when the solution is applied with good pressure so as to insure covering every portion of the plant. The best results from spraying are obtained when potato sprays are used which are fitted with T-joint attachments, so as to insure covering both surfaces of the leaves at each spraying.

5. Upon spraying before rather than after prolonged rainy periods. Infection of the plants takes place during or soon after rain. Therefore it is of the utmost importance to have the spray mixture on the plants when the rain comes.—Prof. J. E. Hewitt, Ontario Agricultural College.

The Importance of Women's Institute Meetings.

A series of meetings which, to the women of rural Ontario, have always proved worth while, and increasingly so the last year or two, is the Women's Institute meetings. These are important because they are so far-reaching in their nature. They afford the town and country woman, no matter what her denomination may be, a channel through which she can be of all-round service to humanity.

Since the war began Red Cross and other patriotic work has, of course, received first consideration. The alleviation of suffering seems peculiarly woman's work. The need is greater to-day than ever.

The great demand by the Allies for certain foods such as beef, pork, wheat and sugar has caused the housewife to change her methods of pre-war days. She must now learn to substitute and to eliminate various forms of waste. For example, foodstuffs must be more widely used, not only in summer, but also in winter. These must be conserved through proper storage, canning or drying.

Such subjects as these may be discussed at the meetings. An expert demonstrator may be secured from the Department to give information or a practical demonstration to assist the housewife. The members may club together and do their canning at one centre with one fire if they so choose, and in addition to the work accomplished may have a sociable time together.

The children in the rural districts must not be forgotten. They must be prepared for the great responsibilities which are to fall upon them. Their education must not be neglected. They must not be handicapped by physical imperfections. Subjects of importance to the child must be discussed and means adopted to improve conditions. The Medical Inspection of rural schools and the clinics held through the Women's Institute are doing much to improve conditions.

The girls also need attention. We are apt to forget the girls in our anxiety for the boys. Their lives and their prospects for the future are being affected by this war. Hence opportunities for study, for amusement, for developing their talents to the full, must be afforded them. Many of these opportunities may be secured through the Institute.

Surely with subjects of such vital importance as the above-mentioned, all meetings should be worth while. We would call the attention of all to the importance of the summer meeting, held throughout June, when the delegate from the Department is in attendance. She has the latest information on all subjects of importance to the Institutes, and is a specialist on her own particular subjects.—G. A. Putnam, Superintendent Women's Institutes.

AUSTRIANS RUSH TROOPS TO FRONT

Railroads Run Night and Day in Preparation for Renewed Drive

Italian Army Headquarters, Sunday, June 9.—(By the Associated Press)—Railroads behind the Austrian lines in northern Italy are busy and day, in bringing troops to the front, distributing them to different sectors, and moving heavy guns and large quantities of munitions to positions near the battle line. Special system of drills to improve the physical condition of the Austrian soldiers and give them training for assaulting positions has also been put into effect.

The Austrians in the mountain district are under the direct command of Field Marshal Conrad von Hotzendorf. Field Marshal Boroevic, commander-in-chief of the Austrian forces on the Italian front, is located in the Piave River district. It is he who last year tried to deliver Venice to his emperor and initiated raids upon churches and monuments in that city, until the Italian aerial pilots destroyed the effectiveness of the Austrian raiders.

It is known that the enemy is making strenuous efforts to prevent deserters from reaching the Italian lines, carrying information of troop dispositions. Heavy rewards have been offered for the shooting of deserters. The emperor, however, is being watched carefully by the Italians who seek to checkmate a threatened offensive, whether it is on a large scale or intended merely to bluff the Italians from sending troops to France, or to satisfy German demands for an offensive.

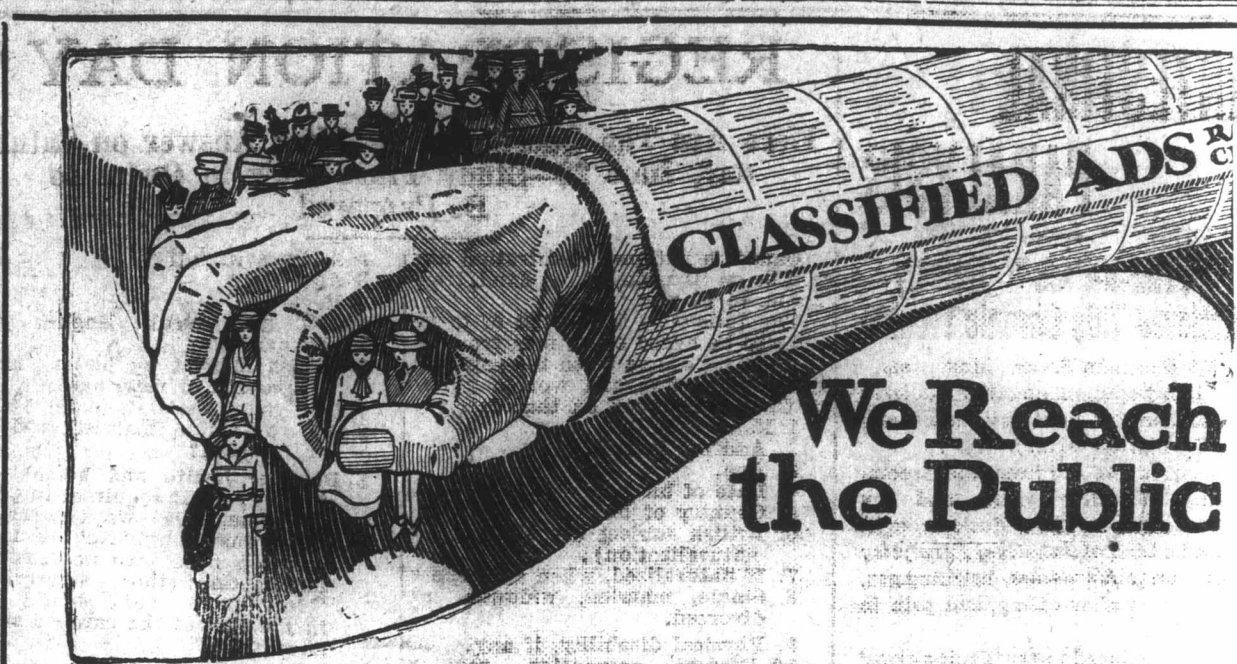
Behind the Italian lines, the aspect of the country is peaceful. Children are seen fishing in the canals and streams or playing upon the great highways leading up to the front.

ANOTHER SCHOONER SUNK

By Courier Leased Wire
Norfolk, Va., June 10.—Sixteen survivors of the crew of the American freighter Pinar del Rio, which was sunk by an enemy submarine off the Maryland coast Saturday, said on their arrival at Elizabeth City, N.C., to-day en route to Norfolk that shortly after the submarine sent their ship to the bottom they witnessed the sinking of a schooner a few miles away.

NEW APOSTOLIC DELEGATE

By Courier Leased Wire
Montreal, June 10.—A cablegram from the Vatican to Cardinal Begin announces that His Excellency Mr. Pietro Di Maria, Bishop of Calanzara in Calabria, Italy, has been nominated to the Holy See as apostolic delegate to Canada and Newfoundland to succeed Mr. P. F. Stagni.



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