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London, Sept. 25.—More than 40,000 prisoners and 265 guns have been taken by the British in their successful offensive in Palestine, it is officially announced this evening.

The British forces operating east of the Jordan apparently are in a favorable position to cut off the Turks retreating north along the Hedjaz railway. The British are now approaching Amman on that railway.

Arab forces are pressing the retreating enemy northward from Matan.

Paris, Sept. 25.—(Havas Agency)—The Bulgarians in their retreat northward, says the Echo de Paris, are not likely to be able to defend the famous Babuna Pass, southeast of Uskub, where the Serbians made an heroic resistance in November, 1915. The pass is near Velez, which is almost within reach of the advancing Serbians.

Serbs Take Positions.

It was at 6.35 o'clock that the Allied artillery swept the Krantza Crest, the key of the Bulgarian defence in this sector, was taken and retaken several times, but finally remained in the hands of the Allies. On the left a French division had taken Sokol and Polje and a swamp which was thick with hidden machine guns. The Serbs on the right held Vetropik and the "Elephant's Ear".

At five o'clock in the afternoon the Allied success was complete. The Serbs, notwithstanding the desperate resistance of the Bulgarians, were light. The Allies captured more than 3,000 prisoners, inflicting severe losses on the enemy, and took fifty guns, including a number of 155's. The Serbs immediately turned the heavier guns against the Bulgarians. Quantities of trench mortars, machine guns and rifles, and a considerable stock of munitions also were taken from the enemy.

FOX PELTS TWENTY
TO THIRTY-FIVE
PER CENT. HIGHER

Silver Fox King At Annual New York Fur Auctions—Best Pelt Brings \$600—Big Export Demand

Special to the Standard.

New York, Sept. 25.—Silver fox was king at the annual fall fur auction here yesterday, when the grand total for the two days' selling reached over a million two hundred thousand dollars. The best silver fox brought six hundred dollars, and the prices paid for the furs were generally high under active buying for export, especially for Denmark. White fox came second in demand with a top price of fifty eight dollars.

A new high record for dark marten skins was established at seventy-five dollars and fifty cents each. Excepting for beaver, the average prices of all the furs sold today equaled or exceeded those obtained at the spring sale here last April. Silver fox was twenty per cent. higher and white fox showed an advance of thirty-five per cent.

POTATOES AND FRUIT

Ottawa, Sept. 25.—(All market prices are wholesale unless otherwise quoted.)

Nova Scotia—Fall apples being picked. Prices in car lots, Gravenstein 75 per cent. No. 1 \$3.50 to \$4. Domestic \$2.50, No. 3 \$1.50; other varieties \$1 less per barrel for No. 1's and 2's. Potatoes 90c. per bushel. No price set for winter fruit yet.

St. John, N.B.—No change in prices since last report. Arrivals, 1 car mixed and some small express lots. Quebec—No. 1 Alexander and Reddy, \$5.50 to \$6. No. 2's, \$4.50 to \$5; plums 70c. to 80c; potatoes \$1.50 per bag.

Montreal—No. 1 apples, Alexander \$4.75 to \$5.25. Wealthy \$4 to \$5.50. St. Lawrence \$3.25 to \$3.75; cooking apples \$2.50 to \$3; crabapples \$4 to \$5. Table apples 50c. to 60c. per 11-quart basket, cooking apples 25c. to 40c. Pears 75c. to \$1 for 11's. Plums, large blue, \$1.25 for 11's and 65c. to 75c. for 6's. Reine Claude, 11's, 90c. to \$1. Potato market bare; little doing on account of continual rains; few offered at \$2.50 per bag. Onions, reds, \$1.75 to \$2 per bag; local supply fairly large.

DEATH OF A CHILD.

Many friends will hear with regret of the death of Ethel Alberta Kindred, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kindred, 24 Winslow street, West side, which occurred at the home of her parents late last night. Besides her parents she is survived by four brothers, Harold Cecil, George Hartley, Francis Gerfield and Roy Amos, and one sister, Muriel Irene. The funeral will be announced later.

Wounded Infantry.

J. Robichaud, President, N. B.

SPANISH GRIPPE
STILL SPREADS

Seventy-Five Thousand Cases in Massachusetts—100 Deaths Daily in Boston—Deaths in Quebec—Moncton May Have Malady.

Boston, Sept. 25.—It is estimated that there are 75,000 cases of Spanish influenza in Massachusetts. Upwards of one hundred are dying daily from the disease in Boston alone, and pneumonia is carrying off about thirty more here daily. There are six thousand cases in Salem alone, and 30,000 cases in the army camps of the country.

Governor McCall has issued a proclamation calling on the public to guard against the disease and to spare persons from slight cases of other illness. Many of the nurses are ill. The schools of Boston and many other cities and towns are closed. It is probable that many churches will also be closed.

Six Die in Quebec Town.

Quebec, Sept. 25.—Six further deaths from the Spanish gripe were recorded at Victoriaville since yesterday evening. Another death occurred on Wednesday evening at Trois-Pistoles. Officers of the provincial health bureau report that they now have the illness quite in hand.

Another American sailor died here in the harbor yesterday evening. This is the ninth sailor who died here in the course of one week. Port authorities claim that the Spanish gripe epidemic has nothing to do with these deaths.

Many in New York.

New York, Sept. 25.—Thirty-seven deaths and more than 200 new cases of Spanish influenza and pneumonia were reported yesterday in this city and nearby army camps. All the deaths occurred yesterday, and 110 of the new cases developed among military or naval men.

Frederick Nurse Has It.

Frederick, Sept. 25.—Mr. and Mrs. James H. Hawthorn received word yesterday that their daughter, Miss Marion Hawthorn, who is nursing at the Greenfield Hospital, Greenfield, Mass., was suffering with Spanish influenza. A wire received today contained the good news that Miss Hawthorn was progressing favorably and had passed the danger zone. Four other nurses at the same institution are down with the same disease.

Disease in Moncton.

Special to the Standard. Moncton, Sept. 25.—A local physician is authority for the statement that Spanish influenza has made its appearance in Moncton. He states he has seven cases under his care that have all the symptoms of the dread malady. The secretary of the Board of Health, however, reports that he has no information of cases here.

30,000 in Army Camps.

Washington, Sept. 25.—More than 30,000 new cases of Spanish influenza in army camps, with 155 deaths, were reported today to the office of the Surgeon General. The majority of the cases in the army camps is now nearly 30,000.

K. OF C. GET \$18,000 IN WESTMORLAND CO.

Moncton City Contributes About \$8,000 to Army Hut Fund.

Special to the Standard. Moncton, Sept. 25.—The K. of C. army hut drive in the City of Moncton ended tonight and the amount raised here is about \$8,000. Reports from the County of Westmorland indicate that about \$10,000 will be raised, making a total from Westmorland of about \$18,000.

FIFTY-THREE HOSTILE AIRPLANES DOWNED

Thirty-One Totally Destroyed and Twenty-Two Felled—British Lose Ten.

London, Sept. 25.—Fifty-three hostile aircraft were accounted for by the British aviators on Tuesday, according to the official announcement tonight. Thirty-one of these were destroyed, and twenty-two driven down. Ten British machines failed to return.

More than 2,000 photographs were taken, and 12½ tons of bombs were dropped in twenty-four hours.

SPANISH INFLUENZA IN ONT. IMPROVING

Col. Derle, Expert, Believes Epidemic Will Soon Be At End.

Niagara Camp, Ont., Sept. 25.—Colonel Derle, of Surgeon General George's office, Washington, who has been in America a year as a member of the French medical corps, is a visitor at the Polish Camp, here, in connection with the outbreak of Spanish influenza. He said he thought the epidemic would soon be at an end.

The Spanish influenza epidemic in the Polish Camp is on the wane.

NO CHANGE IN THE
POLICE SITUATION

Labor Men Will Hold Another Mass Meeting To Receive Report of Ward Canvassers

A meeting of the Trades and Labor Council was held last evening in Oddfellows' Hall, Union street. F. A. Campbell, vice-president, acted as chairman of the meeting. Jas. L. Sugrue, president of the Trades and Labor Council, was present, having arrived home from the Quebec conference.

The police situation was considered, but little business was done. It is planned to hold a mass meeting either this evening or tomorrow evening in order to report on the progress being made in the Police Council's work, as today marks the beginning when those appointed in each ward at a previous meeting will call on those exercising franchise for their consent for a recall.

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Estimate For Province By Hon. Mr. Tweeddale—Yield Lighter Than Last Year—Farmers Get \$3.15 a Barrel.

One-third of the grain crop of the province is yet in the fields, according to the Minister of Agriculture. The recent heavy rains have done considerable damage to these crops, according to reports coming into the Agricultural Department. These reports say that the conditions on the upper St. John are quite serious as a result of these rains.

The Potato Yield.

Potatoes are showing little signs of rot except along the St. John Valley. The yield, according to reports, is not uniform. Some crops show a yield of one hundred barrels to the acre, while others again run as low as thirty barrels. Taking the province as a whole, Hon. Mr. Tweeddale estimates that the crop will run fifty barrels to an acre, an average. This is not quite so good an average as in previous years, but labor has been scarce and wages very high and this prevented planting as much as usual. In other parts of the Dominion conditions are about the same. This year the yield will not be as good as in previous years.

Dealers are paying as high as \$3.15 per barrel for potatoes of extra quality, which are being shipped away.

The potato crop up river is a good sound one and free from disease.

HARTLAND FAIR

Hartland, Sept. 25.—A most successful school fair was held in the old St. Paul's school on Monday. Three other districts, Coldstream, Lower Brighton and Somerville united with the Hartland school in offering exhibits of vegetables from home and school plots, plain and fancy needlework, knitting, crochet work, writing, drawing, essays in English composition, collections of pressed flowers, canned fruit and vegetables, home-made bread, poultry and pigs. The building, which is a very suitable one for such an affair, was profusely and prettily decorated with bunting, strings of flags, autumn leaves and cut flowers, the canning and cooking booth being perhaps the prettiest corner of all.

The prize list is too long for publication in detail but on general lines is may be divided as follows: Vegetables, Coldstream; pressed flowers, Lower Brighton; drawings and pigs, Somerville; canning, sewing and writing, Hartland, while the poultry was evenly distributed among all. The judges were, Vegetables, C. S. Baker and Rev. E. A. Trites; canning, needlework and cooking, Miss Annie Davis and Mrs. S. S. Miller; writing, drawing, essays and pressed flowers, Misses Steeves, Hill and Upham; poultry and pigs, government officials, Messrs. McCallum and Taylor. A keen interest was taken in everything by children present and general public for during the entire afternoon the fair building was crowded with enthusiastic spectators. Mr. R. P. Steeves, director of elementary agricultural education for the province, who was present throughout, was heard to remark that for a first attempt it was the best he had seen. Next year it is hoped that many more of the outlying districts will co-operate and so make the fair a still greater event in this locality.

Mrs. Bert Gardiner and children, of Woodstock, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Plummer.

Mrs. L. A. J. Ward and Miss Alice Ward are on an extended visit to relatives in Highfield, Kings Co.

Miss Mary McCallin has become a member of the Overseas staff.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben B. Hagerman have returned from their wedding trip to Nova Scotia and are the guests here for a few days of Mr. Hagerman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hagerman, before proceeding to their home in East Florenceville.

Director R. P. Steeves and his daughter, Miss Steeves, of Sussex, spent Sunday in town.

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SEPTEMBER—PHASES OF THE MOON

New Moon, 5th 6h. 44th. a.m.
First Quarter, 13th 11h. 2m. a.m.
Full Moon, 20th 9h. 1m. a.m.
Last Quarter, 27th 0h. 39m. a.m.

26 Thu. 7.30 7.09 4.46 17.13 11.02 23.32
27 Fri. 7.21 7.07 4.51 18.16 12.03 24.37
28 Sat. 7.22 7.03 4.50 19.24 13.09
29 Sun. 7.24 7.03 4.50 20.31 1.48 14.21
30 Mon. 7.26 7.02 4.51 21.31 3.00 15.37

THE WEATHER

Washington, Sept. 25.—New England—Local rains Thursday or Thursday night. Friday partly cloudy. Moderate southeast winds.

Toronto, Sept. 25.—A trough of low pressure now extends southward from the lower lakes region, while both