

# NORFOLK NEWS

## SOLDIER NOT A SPY

Member of 133rd Battalion Denies the Rumor in Circulation

From Our Own Correspondent.  
Simcoe, Aug. 8.—The manager of the Simcoe Agency of the Courier received yesterday the following letter, which we branded as unauthentic, and which was to the effect that Eric Mott of the 133rd, had been caught red handed as a spy, shortly after reaching England, and had gone before the firing squad.

The letter speaks for itself:  
Purfleet, Essex, Eng.,  
July 25th, 1918.  
Dear Sir—Having learned that you may be able to exonerate me from that untruthful charge, I am taking the advantage of the opportunity to give you as much information as possible.

I enlisted as an English horn subject, but was born in the City of New York, and would have enlisted as an American subject but for the fact that I was not aware that Americans were accepted in the Canadian forces.

It so happened that I could speak a few words of German, as I had studied the language in school, but have now forgotten almost everything I knew about it.

Very likely the knowledge of this fact has led people to believe that I was an undesirable, but I am sure that if certain people would investigate matters before passing judgment, this rumor would never have gotten abroad.

I also patronized a certain pool parlor that was owned by a German, but I think I had as much right to do so as any one of my other fellow comrades. If you care, you may investigate the matter and look up my record. You will find that I have a record absolutely free of blemishes.

I do not know what object these certain people had in view, but I must say that whoever it was, should be more careful, because some day I may return to prove to them that I am alive and can get my own back.

My father and mother were both Americans, and the only trace of foreign blood in my veins is that of my grandfather, who was born in France. I think this is all I can tell you, and I hope that you will be able to clear the mystery.

Thanking you very sincerely for your kind efforts, I remain,  
Very Respectfully,  
Spr. WM. H. MOTT,  
No. 790192,  
Sixth St. Depot,  
Purfleet, Essex,  
ENGLAND.

Following our denial, on having seen charges for his assisted pay, that Mott had been shot as a spy, we have heard it claimed "Well he may be alive, but he will never get to France." But Mott has been to France, and has been released and returned to England and writes to say he is soon to go to France again. There is surely no grounds for any further doubt in the matter.

Mott, who in Simcoe, apparently failed to fall in with a soldier companion congenial to his temperament, education and ideals. He cut his own swathe as it were, and aroused suspicion unjustly. He writes splendidly, saves his money splendidly, and no doubt is serving his King splendidly. He can write a score of times more quickly than one writes a line of dope. Any further derogatory statements about him, should be heard with contempt and pity. The agency hopes, some day, to give Sapper Mott the "stad hand" of welcome home.

Thirty-seven young men of St. Melchior d'Assise, who are under arrest at Beauce in connection with the outrage against National Registration, were remanded till August 13th for enquet.

As a result of being thrown to the ground when the running board of an engine on which he was riding, broke, Edward Atkins, of Stratford, a switchman on the Grand Trunk, is laid up with a broken leg.

## WOMAN SAVED MUCH SUFFERING

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## SPLENDID RACE MEET AT SIMCOE

### A Big Crowd Attended the Track Events Yesterday Afternoon

### OTHER SIMCOE NEWS

(From our own Correspondent)  
Simcoe, Aug. 8.—There was a splendid offering at the races here yesterday, a bumper crowd and a good track. The whole program was run off without a hitch or accident, and the fans went home delighted with the afternoon respite from the daily grind of work.

The Officials  
Judges: Chas. E. Eaid, V.S.,  
Simcoe; L. Brady, Simcoe.  
Time Keepers: Walter S. McCall and Andrew H. Smith.  
Starter: W. W. Walsh.

Official Score  
2.30 Trot or Pace, Purse \$300.  
Maggie May . . . . . 2 2 2  
Dingen Girl . . . . . 3 3 6  
Dexter Girl . . . . . 4 4 3  
Allan T. . . . . 6 6 6  
O. L. C. . . . . 7 7 7  
Time: 2.29 1-4; 2.29 3-4; 2.29 5-4.

2.20 Trot or Pace, Purse \$300.  
Eagle Bars . . . . . 1 1 1  
Downie Todd . . . . . 2 2 2  
Bonar Law . . . . . 3 4 3  
Time: 2.25; 2.23 1-4; 2.22 1-4.

2.10 Trot or Pace.  
Iola Hal . . . . . 1 2 2 1  
Bertha Walsh . . . . . 2 2 1 3  
Jack Powers . . . . . 3 3 3 1  
Time: 2.25; 2.19 1-4; 2.18 1-4; 2.23 1-4; 2.23 1-4.

Running Race  
Golden Nettle . . . . . 1 2 2 1  
Cream of Wheat . . . . . 2 3 3 1  
Sturgeon . . . . . 3 4 3  
Cream of Wheat and Sturgeon did not let the crowd away before 7 o'clock, and a better satisfied crowd never left the local track than that of yesterday. The local organization has had set backs in the past, but there is absolutely no kick regarding yesterday's results.

Domestic Police at Work  
There were about three thousand in attendance, and from among these the six men from the civil section of the Dominion Military Police corps picked up thirty or thirty-five men of apparently draft age who were carrying the necessary papers. Some of them were taken to Hamilton, and next time bonded in \$20 each to forward credentials before the 15th inst. Chief Canning assisted the visiting officers in the matter of giving assurances that many of those arrested were not of the military draft. The officers told the Courier that they would be around again, and next time would be able to offer no alternative to the \$100 fine.

Notes  
Walter S. McCall, president; W. Walsh, vice-president, and J. G. Kayser, secretary, of the local club, are to be congratulated on the results. And our friend, Mr. Moulton, was in the game, too.

It was not all the soft drinks on hand went on duty early in the afternoon.  
And those Laurierites and Unloshites from all parts of the county and beyond mingled together, came together and actually treated one another. All the world is akin when there's a race meet in Simcoe.

And Brantford sent her quota. Remember, boys, that visit must be returned.  
And there were parsons and long-faced Kirk elders, Wesleyans and Aonathies there, all watching the noble animals contest with human eagerness and cunning.

The Guelph solist made a grand battle against considerable odds. It would have been an easier matter on a mile track.  
The pickpockets must be all overseas, for we did not hear a whisper of any bereavement.

There were very few millionaires on the railway crossing during the afternoon, in fact, the crowd here was small.  
And there was a good percentage of ladies out. "Nothing to it," said a veteran of the track, "Automobiles and prohibition have made the race meet a success. Men and women come to town and they go to the races. They are all off home in half an hour after the last heat and there's nothing objectionable for anyone's taste."

Yesterday's receipts should reimburse the officials of the turf club for deficits of some past years.  
Walter S. is to be pardoned for that special smile of today.  
And the whole \$1,300 is still in the cash.  
The crowd numbered over \$200 of soft drinks on the grounds.  
That Teetartville district sent down a reputation which embarrassed the local to its old love of meat. They had to take J. G. Edgeworth down, too. Though out of



"WHY, HOW DO YOU DO? I SEE YOU'RE UP OR RATHER DOWN, EARLY!" In answer to the British Tommies' remark, "I see you're moved," this young lady replies: "Yes so I have, but not willingly." The cause of her remarkable predicament, plus that of the house, was caused by a shell from a Boche Gun on the western front, which exploded near the foundation, causing the walls to cave in, and thereby bringing the attic down level to the street. As it is, the young lady can step out of the attic window right onto the sidewalk.

## SITUATION TO-DAY

By the Associated Press.  
German lines on the Picardy Front, south of the Somme, have been badly broken by the savage thrust of the British and French armies.  
A wedge has been driven into enemy territory to a depth of eleven miles along the Amiens-Chaulnes-Laure railway, and early today the British were only a mile away from the Caumes-Roye railway, which runs southward from Chaulnes, and forms the chief artery of supplies for the German troops fighting in the Montdidier sector of the front.

London announces that 14,000 prisoners have been taken in the first twenty-four hours of the drive.  
The result of this attack, loosed against the Germans on the Amiens front Thursday morning appears to have eclipsed those obtained by the Germans in the first day of any of the progress of the fighting south of the Somme. The Allies are going forward almost without serious opposition. On the north bank of the stream com. Le-Cornet, Malo, Quentin, Le-

## AIR SERVICE FOR CANADA ANNOUNCED

Will be Under the Naval Department and Will Protect Canada's Coasts  
Ottawa, Aug. 8.—Hon. A. K. MacLean, Acting Minister of the Department of the Naval Service, today announced the formation of the Royal Canadian Air Service. This organization will come under the direction of the Naval Department, and has for its primary object the defence of Canada's coasts, but men enlisting in the Air Force will be eligible for service outside the Dominion, if necessary. Candidates accepted for the Royal Canadian Air Service will be required to sign on for three years, or six months after the duration of the war.

It was stated at the Department today that pilots for seaplanes, air planes, and kite balloons were required immediately in connection with the new organization. Only

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Petit Facout and Le-Sart, little villages on the extreme western tip of the Lys salient have been abandoned by the enemy, and are now held by the British. This is looked upon as the carrying out of a German withdrawal from the Lys salient, which has been forecast in recent dispatches. The ground held by the enemy in Flanders is very low, and is dominated by the Allied artillery, and a retirement there has been expected.

In its larger aspects, the success of the Allies south of the Somme constitutes a very serious threat to the German line, especially to the southward. The advance has not so far weakened the German position northward toward Arras, but the enemy finds himself in an embarrassing position around Montdidier and from that town southward at least as far as the Oise River.

The Naval Department is now open to receive application from young men with the necessary qualifications who wish to enter as pilots in the Air Service. Applications should be made on the forms supplied on purpose, which may be obtained by writing to the recruiting secretary, Department of the Naval Service, Wellington Street, Ottawa.

The department requires that applicants shall be accompanied by a copy of the candidates birth certificate, recommendation as to a character from some responsible adult, and a doctor's certificate as to his medical category. Instructions will be given by the department as to the nearest doctor for purposes of medical examination, and in connection with this, travelling expenses, where necessary, will be refunded.

In the Saskatoon district, in Saskatchewan the average condition of crops was never better, say the reports, and wheat cutting will commence about Aug. 15. Rye cutting has commenced near Grayson.

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Some of Norfolk's Coroners.  
Dr. McGilvery is hereafter associate coroner for Norfolk County. Others who hold appointments are Dr. McIntosh of Simcoe, Dr. Foster of Waterloo, Dr. Meek of Port Rowan, Dr. Tisdale of Delhi, if we were not, and there is probably one in Port Dover and one in Teeterville.

Spectacles Found in Cucumber Patch  
Harry Nelson has a reputation for picking his cucumbers close, but he is growing long green variety, and one would hardly have expected that one would require spectacles to find them. Such, however, appears to be the case, for Mr. Nelson recently found among the vines and returned to the owner, a pair of spectacles belonging to a prominent Simcoe merchant. A day or so ago the long constable informed us that he narrowly escaped having his buggy smashed by an automobile. This may have occurred while the spectacles were missing.

Press Photographs.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kellum and child of Corith have returned home after a fortnight's holiday with Mr. and Mrs. M. Thorburn.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Thorburn of Toronto, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Bathurst, have been spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. W. Thompson and left yesterday for Delhi.

Miss Clark of Toronto is the guest of her sister, Mrs. T. W. Martin. Mrs. Wm. McKay and niece Miss McKav. of Brandon are visiting Mrs. McIvor and Mrs. Wm. Gilbertson.

Odd Ends of News.  
Through the collapse of the cement chute from the top of the tower at the canning factory, Bert Zimmerman received severe injuries yesterday morning. He was bruised and scarred about the face, and a spoke penetrated his shoulder. The unfortunate man was hurried by auto to Dr. McGilvery's office for medical attention.

Robert Reynolds of Jarvis got \$1,166 for a load of alkali delivered here yesterday.  
Another thunder shower last night — a sort of double-header — was sent for all crops, corn, beans, cucumbers, cabbage and tomatoes, and very much needed on pasture lands.

## NEWS NOTES

In 1854 John McPhail, then a lad of 12, arrived at Walkerton with a single ox and jumper, and dumped on the first sack of wheat at the grist mill there. He was minor, and home in Carriek the other day.  
Found guilty of receiving goods, valued at over \$100, the property of the Willys-Overland Motor Car Company, Walkerville, G. Baby, Windsor, a taxi driver, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment.  
At Victoria, B. C. W. L. Pierce was fined \$1000 or three months in jail for having in his possession a copy of "The Week," a weekly publication, of which he was editor, recently suppressed by the censor.  
Because he neglected to place a two-cent stamp on a cheque he drew up for \$28 as salary for a school teacher, John F. Quinn, secretary-treasurer for school sections 1 and 4, in Hinchinbrooke, was fined \$5 and costs at Kingston.  
An inspector of the Manitoba liquor license department unearthed a secret bar, carefully hidden in a Winnipeg hotel. L. Harriman pleaded guilty to the charge of selling liquor and was fined \$1,000, the largest fine ever paid in the province.  
At Ottawa, Edward James Whitel, against whom a charge of manslaughter was entered, was remanded. Whitel, while driving his auto ran down and fatally injured two small boys, Weldon Ashie and Alex Apple.

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