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HAIG'S HEAVY GUNS HAMMER THE HUNS IN KEMMEL TOWN

"THE ENEMY HAS SPENT HIS EFFORT," SAYS HAIG

London, Sept. 10.—"We have passed through many dark days. Please God these will never return," says Field Marshal Haig, commander-in-chief of the British forces in France, in an order of the day. The commander then says: "The enemy has now spent his effort."

TWENTY PER CENT INCREASE IN ATTENDANCE AT FAIR; DIRECTORS HAPPY OVER GREATEST SUCCESS

Agricultural Exhibits and Live Stock Share Honors in Popularity With Pure Food Show, Baby Welfare Clinic and Other New Attractions.

The attendance at the fair for the first day showed a 20 per cent increase in admissions, while the patronage of the grandstand was just double that of the corresponding day of any other year.

The above excellent report made to the directors of the fair board by A. T. Little brought forth considerable applause. Demonstrations of wartime cooking began at 11 o'clock this morning in the Canada food board section of the Agricultural Building. This, with the exhibits of meat and wheat substitutes and glucose and corn syrup as sugar substitutes for canning attracting interested audiences. The demonstrations are continuing all today and for the remainder of the week.

Demonstrations of butter-making from that plant in the dairy, and the turning out of nicely-molded rolls wrapped in paper have been in progress in the amphitheatre of the Dairy Building.

Floral Horticultural Display.
The London Horticultural Society makes a brave display in the Horticultural Building, a magnificent arrangement of autumn flowers arranged in hanging holders along the wall, with here and there a mirror effectively placed and beneath a bank of ferns and gorgeous bloom, contributed by members of the society.

Kruit is not so plentiful as in former years, apples, however, being more conspicuous than for many a Western Fair. The Pure Food Show in the Process Building has made it one of the most popular on the grounds. Today, members of the Sir John Carling Chapter,

I. O. D. E., are selling tags, which make a strong appeal, beautiful pink and red roses donated by Dicks, who have a veritable bower in this building. The proceeds go to the patriotic work of the chapter.

Has Tea Room.
Among other patriotic women's organization taking advantage of the fair to augment funds is the Campbell Becher Chapter, I. O. D. E., which has an inviting tea room, just inside the main entrance of the Machinery Hall. Talking of machinery, it has overflowed every bit of space allotted for this class of exhibit in former years and pre-empted new territory until it has become a veritable bower in this building.

Dining halls and lunch counters did a bumper business today, following the best Monday in the history of those which are open year after year. The W. C. T. U. dining hall volunteer workers weren't nearly as tired as usual at the close of the day Monday for the simple reason that, though rushed, they had added much to their treasury. Scores of babies in evidence, the intention of proud mothers apparently being to have their little ones examined at the child welfare clinic this afternoon, to see how the tots measure up to the standard of physical efficiency for babyhood.

Child Welfare Room.
The London Child Welfare Association has fitted up most complete clinic room at the top of the north stairway of the Machinery Hall. The model nursery, equipped by Smallman & Ingram's and approved by the association, Dr. Lindsay is in charge of the clinic, taking place between 2 and 4 o'clock. Miss Smith, child welfare nurse, and Miss Friend, public health nurse, assisting. The dog show opened at noon today. Continued on Page Three.

JUST THE OVERTURE



Wait till he gets to the spring song. —New York Tribune.

TEUTONS ORDERED TO FIGHT TO LAST MAN TO HOLD THE BALANCE OF HINDY'S LINE

Kaiser's Troops Losing Confidence as Allied Successes Continue—Gen. Humbert's Army Commanders Approaches To St. Quentin.

With the French Army in France, Sept. 9.—French troops forced the crossing of the Meuse at La Fere, overcoming strong opposition and occupying important positions in the triangle formed by the two branches of the canal and the road from La Fere to St. Quentin. They also advanced north of the Oise, taking the La Fere, and capturing Elzeviller and Roupy. Though these were operations of detail, they tightened the lines around both St. Quentin and La Fere, greatly facilitating future operations against both towns.

Gen. Humbert's forces now command the entire region west of the river and the canal from La Fere north, beyond a place track, railroad that crosses the river at Mezieres. They command all of the approaches to St. Quentin from the north, west and east, and are within five miles of the town. The occupation of Fort Liez gives the French command not only of the entire country around La Fere, but of the valley of the Oise to a considerable distance northward, the valley of the Serre eastward and the railroad line leading to the Larn citadel, which is visible from the heights.

"Bill" Sneath Caught In Snowstorm At the Wingham Depot

"The Poet Bill" Prepares To Don His Arctic Regalia.
"Bill" Sneath, the genial baggageman on the Huron and Bruce branch of the C. P. R., comes to last today with a story of the first snowstorm of the season. As the "Poet Bill" is proceeding with his work at the Grand Trunk depot at Wingham long before sunrise this morning he was surprised to find a white visible before the locomotive headlight. William discovered the first snow last spring, and now springs the earliest snowstorm of the fall. As a "discoverer" Bill heads the list.

TANKER SUNK IN FIGHT WITH U-BOAT

Washington, Sept. 10.—What apparently is a reliable report that an American tank steamship has sunk a German submarine in a fight off the Atlantic coast reached the navy department today and is being investigated.

Closing in On La Fere.
Gen. Mangin's army south of the Oise took Servais, closing in on La Fere from the south, while they improved their position north of Laffaux. Both the third and fourth French armies are now practically on the line where the pursuit of the Germans stopped on the morning of Sept. 7. German prisoners say that orders recently issued are to fight to the last man to hold the present positions. There are indications, however, that the Germans have less confidence than last year in the inviolability of this line. They made great sacrifices to hold their positions in the spring of 1917. German prisoners say that the line is now held by the French. The Hindenburg line, however, comprises a wide system of defence, having a total depth in some places of nearly ten miles, and the fall of its pillars does not mean a breach in the positions. The St. Gobain Forest, supposed to be the strongest part of the line, is now held by the French. The Hindenburg line, however, comprises a wide system of defence, having a total depth in some places of nearly ten miles, and the fall of its pillars does not mean a breach in the positions. The St. Gobain Forest, supposed to be the strongest part of the line, is now held by the French.

THE WEATHER
LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 77; lowest, 41.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 65; lowest, 45.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COOL.
Toronto, Sept. 10.—8 a.m. Forecasts.
Fresh northerly to easterly winds; fair and cool today and on Wednesday; frost in many localities tonight.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:
Stations. High. Low. Weather.
Victoria. 55. 40. Clear.
Calgary. 70. 40. Clear.
Winnipeg. 72. 40. Clear.
Port Arthur. 59. 34. Fair.
Perry Sound. 54. 36. Fair.
Port Hope. 58. 46. Cloudy.
Buffalo. 58. 52. Cloudy.
Toronto. 75. 48. Fair.
Kingston. 70. 48. Fair.
Ottawa. 74. 42. Fair.
Quebec. 70. 54. Fair.
Quebec. 64. 48. Rain.
Father Point. 54. 40. Fair.

WHERE WAS THE ARSENIC BOUGHT TO CAUSE DEATH OF FLO EDWARDS?

Woodstock Police Fail to Find Clue in Records Searched.

DETECTIVE MILLER BUSY

Provincial Officer Has Started to Investigate Mysterious Tragedy.

[By Staff Reporter.]
Woodstock, Sept. 10.—A search of the records of every drug store in Woodstock and the immediate vicinity has failed to bring to light the source of the supply of arsenic that caused the death of "Flo" Edwards here on the morning of July 23.

The attention of the authorities is now turning to neighboring towns. The assistance of the police of London has been asked, or will be asked, as the coroner's inquest, for Miss Edwards was first taken ill a week before her death.

Plain Evidence.
The swelling of her lips and tongue at that time give unmistakable evidence of arsenical poisoning, but the overdose resulted in stomach sickness, and the consequent expulsion of the poison by vomiting. That dose could not have caused her death a week later. In the meantime the attack of sickness, the cause of which she did not suspect, recurred three or four times, indicating in medical opinion that more poison was administered from time to time until her death was caused.

The arsenic was a white fine powder form, which is commonly employed by physicians for medical purposes. According to the evidence of the coroner's jury, the arsenic was obtained from a physician who made the post-mortem it would be tasteless, or at most slightly sweetish, and could easily be placed in any article of food eaten by an unsuspecting person.

Wish Her Harm.
Just who would wish to harm the girl is the question the police have no answer to. The case is being investigated by Detective Miller, provincial officer, assigned to the case.

At the inquest the questions of the crown attorney, R. N. Ball, centred for a time on what food the girl had eaten. Mrs. Edwards stated that her daughter, Mrs. Armstrong, had been home for a few days, and that she was unable to say positively whether she had made the cake or whether it had been baked by Mrs. Armstrong. The incident had occurred so long since that her memory was not clear upon the point.

SOME MISTAKE.
Mrs. Armstrong of 736 Loraine avenue, wife of Clarence Armstrong, a shipper of the Ford plant, who is well known in athletic circles, is a sister of Miss "Flo" Edwards of Woodstock, and the daughter to whom Mrs. Edwards referred in her evidence at the inquest. Mrs. Armstrong informed the coroner that there has been some confusion concerning her visit to Woodstock. She was not in Woodstock between July 1 and the night of her sister's death, and as a consequence was not at home with her mother on the Saturday on which the case was made.

MYSTERY UNSOLVED.
Woodstock, Sept. 10.—The mystery surrounding the death of Florence Edwards, who the coroner's jury claims, was the victim of arsenic poisoning administered by someone other than the girl herself, remains unsolved. Today Detective Miller arrived here and immediately assumed charge of the investigation. The officers are of the opinion that the girl was murdered, but as yet no sufficient motive for the crime has been unearthed.

SAILORS SUFFERING INFLUENZA ATTACK

Brookline, Mass., Sept. 10.—Nearly 100 sailors of the merchant marine suffering from influenza, who have been stationed aboard training vessels in Boston harbor, were removed for treatment today to tents pitched on the summit of Corey Hill, which forms part of the Legion of Honor, by Premier.

Strenuous efforts are being made to prevent the further spread of the disease, and many cases have been reported from men in the navy stationed in this vicinity.

FRENCH TAKE GIBERCOURT WHILE BRITISH CONTINUE ADVANCE IN LYS SALIENT

BRITISH TAKE 75,000 HUNS AND 750 GUNS

London, Sept. 10.—The capture by the British of 75,000 prisoners and 750 guns in four weeks is announced by Field Marshal Haig in an order of the day.

JONES AND HENDRIX OPPOSING TWIRLERS FOR TODAY'S GAME

Red Sox Confident of Winning Fifth Game and Pennant.

CUBS ARE STILL FIGHTING

Ideal Weather Favors Baseball Contest at Fenway Park.

BALL PLAYERS STRIKE.
Fenway Park, Sept. 10.—The Red Sox and Chicago Cubs touched off a bombshell toward game time today by refusing to go to the field unless the National Commission rendered an immediate decision to their demands being an adjustment of the world series division of the money receipts apportioned to the players.

Boston, Sept. 10.—Cheerful confidence prevailed today in the camp of the Red Sox followers as they prepared to watch what they firmly believed would be the final game of the world series between the Boston Americans and the Chicago Nationals. Yesterday's thrilling contest placed Boston in the lead, three games to one, and the loyal New England fans expect the team to clean up the series without unnecessary delay. Among the players, however, there was no such assurance that the series would end today. The Cubs had lost none of their fighting spirit. Although not elated over their successes thus far, they kept in mind a world series when the Boston American League champions found themselves in exactly the same position as was Chicago today, and yet won the title. That was in 1903. The Pittsburgh Nationals won three of the first four games, and then the pioneer Red Sox went in and took four straight to their demands being an adjustment of the world series division of the money receipts apportioned to the players.

Manager Barrow planned to start Jones in the box for Boston today, holding May in reserve. Manager Mitchell's decision as to the Chicago pitcher was still held in abeyance early in the day. It was figured by the fans that he would not be likely to send in any of the men who had participated in the previous games, and their best guess was that the Red Sox would be called upon to face Hendrix, a right-hander.

Ideal Weather.
The whole series up to today, a right-hander has appeared for Chicago in only one innings. That was the eighth of yesterday's game when Douglas relieved Tyler. The Red Sox scored the winning run in that inning on a hit and Douglas' wild throw to first, and Douglas had to bear the stigma of losing the game.

The weather was ideal for this afternoon's clash. Although there was an autumn chill in the air this morning, the bright sunshine had to bring back summer-like conditions later in the day.

The probable batting order:
Chicago—Flack, r.f.; Hollocher, s.s.; Mann, l.f.; Parker, c.f.; Merkle, 1b; Pick, 2b.; Deal or Zeider, 3b.; Kilfliter, c.; Hendrix, p.

Boston—Hooper, r.f.; Shean, 2b.; Strunk, c.f.; Ruth or Whiteman, l.f.; McInnis, 1b.; Scott, s.s.; Thomas, 3b.; Agnew, c.; Jones, p.

Kemmel Is Again Under Fire From Haig's Heavy Guns—Three Violent German Attacks Against British Near La Bassee Are Repulsed.

Paris, Sept. 10.—South of St. Quentin, French troops have captured Gibercourt and have made progress towards Hinaucourt and Essigny-le-Grand, according to the official statement given out today by the French war office.

KEMMEL IS AGAIN UNDER FIRE OF BRITISH HEAVY ARTILLERY

British Armies in France, Sept. 10.—The British line north-east of Nieppe, in the Lys salient, was advanced during the night and the British positions in the Ploegsteert region were improved. Kemmel is under fire from the heavy guns. North of La Bassee, the Germans evidently are trying out the British strength.

They have made three attacks on the British posts, but each time they were repulsed with heavy losses.

HEAVY Foe COUNTER-ATTACKS NEAR CAMBRAI ARE REPULSED

London, Sept. 10.—The Germans delivered a counter-attack yesterday against the positions won by the British to the west of Gouzeaucourt, fronting the Hindenburg line southwest of Cambrai. Field Marshal Haig announced in his official statement today that the enemy assault had been completely repulsed. In this same sector the British line was advanced during the night south of the town of Havrincourt.

On the Flanders front the British progressed northeast of Neuve Chapelle and north of Armentieres.

The text of the statement reads: "Yesterday evening the enemy launched a second counter-attack against the positions gained by us during the morning west of Gouzeaucourt. He was completely repulsed. Our line has been advanced during the night south of Havrincourt. "Progress was made by us northeast of Neuve Chapelle, and west and north of Armentieres."

HUNS FEAR AMERICAN COLORED TROOPS WILL SEVER THEIR EARS

With the American Army in France, Sept. 9.—The enemy heavily shelled towns in the Woerwe sector behind our lines this morning. One of his patrols attacked the American outposts, but was easily driven off.

There was considerable patrol activity in the Vosges district last night. One encounter took place, the enemy retiring with one wounded man.

Colored troops have occupied one Vosges village in which French civilians were being held prisoner. The Frenchmen, on coming through to the American lines, declared the Germans were greatly excited at finding themselves opposed by negroes, of whom they are said to be afraid, owing to reports that American colored troops cut off the ears of their prisoners! The negro soldiers in this sector certainly had a sample of German treachery when a German patrol attacked after shouting "Kamerad." They are now thoroughly determined to have their revenge.

FRENCH TROOPS CAPTURE LIEZ FORT TWO MILES FROM LA FERRE

Paris, Sept. 9.—Important progress towards the southern end of the Hindenburg line in the neighborhood of La Fere, north of the St. Gobain massif, was made by the French forces today. The war office tonight announced the capture of the Liez fort, northeast of the town of Liez, and of wooded regions to the east and southeast of Liez, within two miles of La Fere.

Additional ground was gained in the St. Gobain region south of the Oise, where the Servais station was taken, as well as a wooded area about a mile and a half to the south.

North of the La Fere region, the French pressed in far, capturing the towns of Remigny, Montescourt-Lizerolles, Clastres, Seracourt-le-Grand, Roupy and Etreillers, the last two towns being within 3½ miles of St. Quentin.

GERMANS CLAIM ALLIES WERE REPULSED.

Berlin, Sept. 10.—(Via London).—British troops continued their attacks on the Peronne-Cambrai road, the German war office announced today. A formidable thrust made by the British against Gouzeaucourt and Ephepy was repulsed. Between the Aisne and the Vesle rivers, the statement adds, the Germans repelled French advances.