

NORFOLK NEWS

KEPT DOG IN CELLAR TO DODGE TAX

A (Simconian's) Attempt to Camouflage Canine Failed

OTHER SIMCOE NEWS

(From our own Correspondent) Simcoe, July 31.—Edward Taylor, of Queen St. North, paid dog tax \$10, and costs \$5.10, at the conclusion of the hearing of a charge preferred against him for harboring a dog without paying the civic tax. The animal was a splendid Scotch collie, female, and had been kept in the cellar for a long time. It may now run at large by day. T. J. Aear was present to plead for the accused, and this team would add a little to the outlay over the canine.

Odd Ends of News Monday night's storm was insignificant at the water front. Chief Canine was out with a sheet of subpoenas yesterday morning.

Pay your taxes to-day, you may forget to-morrow, and then the add 4 percentage will be upon you. To-morrow is the last day to pay your taxes; your big patriotic contribution is indicated.

The fellow who argues that working in Canada and living at home is equivalent to soldiering in France and living on the battlefield, and who makes a comparison of the pay received by this man, with the allowance to that and his dependents, is not putting much premium on the value of the man who goes to the front, on his privations, on the privations and suspended anxiety of his family at home. The comparison is mean.

The last load of the 1918 crop of factory peas passed over the scales yesterday.

Residents who find that the sparrows are destroying the corn tassels in the gardens before the pollen tips, have nothing to say at present about the nest pest.

When you cannot vindicate your attitude, practice, or action in any

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public matter, call your challenger a "knocker." That is the stock-trade defence of the man who does not always succeed in getting one over. But it is no vindication. Kindly remember that Simcoe has a Board of Trade which has a committee to look after telephone and kindred public services. Fire Chief Kendall, made ten successive attempts to get central about four o'clock yesterday morning. He had got a connection some five minutes previously, but could not get it taken down when through talking and desiring to get in another call. And the heartless fellow gave it up and turned into bed without going up to the exchange to ascertain whether the operator had collapsed after the original connection. The golf links have been somewhat deserted for a few days past. Monday was a day off at I. O. D. headquarters.

"UP TO SNUFF," BUT PEPPER GOT HIM

Brantford Man Fined For Leaving a Car Standing

From Our Own Correspondent. Port Dover, July 30.—Lorne Abbey, of Brantford, paid a \$5.00 fine for leaving a car standing on the highway. Constable Pepper, Magistrate Good heard and disposed of the case last night. Abbey was charged with giving a fictitious name when accosted by the constable on the evening of July 4th. It would appear that Abbey came to Simcoe, and getting a car belonging to Morley Day, of the Ford garage staff, equipped with markers No. 63392, which belonged to a car owned by Fred Haskett, of St. Williams. With two other Simconians he attended the dance here and left the car standing on Clinton street, without lights. Abbey gave his name as John Williams. The chief pursued the usual course to prove up, and traced the car to St.

DEFINED STATUS OF ALL MEMBERS

G. W. V. A. Limits Entrance Requirements to Service in France or England

LONG DISCUSSION

Western Delegates Favor Association of Men Actually in War Areas

Toronto, July 31.—Membership in the Great War Veterans' Association, by the Dominion convention meeting in the Technical School, is limited to men who have seen service in England and France, with provision for exceptional cases and for preserving the status of present members of the association not included in the category of men who have been overseas. The decision was made after a lengthy debate, which commenced on Monday afternoon, when resolutions were suspended to allow the introduction of a motion by Vice-President James Robinson of Vancouver to confine the membership to men who have seen actual fighting service. They were described as "France men." The debate was broken to allow the introduction of the report of the committee selected to deal with the status of Mr. J. J. Shanahan, second vice-president.

Three Different Principles. During the debate resolutions embodying three principles came before the convention. One was to limit the membership to men who had been in France, a second to men who had been in England and France, and a third to throw the membership open to men who had enlisted in the C.E.F., even if they had never left Canada. When the convention closed its morning session yesterday they were turned over to Major A. T. Hunter of Toronto, chairman of the Constitution Committee.

"We felt that none of the resolutions contained a principle satisfactory to all," said the member of the committee selected to bring the report before the convention. "There was only one course to adopt, and that was to ask the convention to vote upon three suggestions, the result of which would guide us in our deliberations upon the constitution."

Ontario and West Disagree. A vote was taken upon the three principles outlined in the resolutions. Sixty delegates, principally from Ontario, voted for the "wide open" policy, 102 stood for the compromise, and 35, including the Windsor delegation, cast their vote for "France only" principle. The delegates were asked to present any suggestions regarding the status of members who will be affected by the decision of those cases that might be termed exceptional. They will be considered when the committee presents its report on Friday. About 15 per cent, according to one estimate of the membership of the association comes under the association's welfare class. The secretary stated that he had issued of his office in Ottawa 3,000 associate membership badges. Mr. Shanahan's Standing. A debate occurred over the standing of Mr. J. J. Shanahan, an anti-mosquito toward Mr. Shanahan was due to his attitude of last winter toward certain groups of the association, which he described as rebellious. He followed his attack by an effort to form another association while still the second Vice-President of the Dominion G.W.V.A. He presented his dues to a local branch. The committee reported that as he "had not paid his dues, and had admitted that he was no longer a member of the association, his standing was for the convention to pass upon."

tion he represents. Some say "No," it will guarantee that they are men who come from the affected localities." He was supported by Mr. J. J. Shanahan because of the firmness and justice of the system suggested. It was pointed out that Toronto, with 2,267 paid-up members, had 17 delegates and Winnipeg with 3,270 members, was allowed 10. Mr. Shanahan was asked for. Eighty-eight voted against the amendment and 58 for it.

Postmen's Strike Up. When the convention opened its afternoon session Secretary Stewart read a telegram from Hon. Mr. Doherty relative to the postmen's strike. It was a copy of the message which he had sent to the Calgary Board of Trade. A message was also read from Vancouver, which read: "That in direct opposition to the declared policy of the Government, strikebreakers who are not returned soldiers are being used in Vancouver postoffice. The strikers are many of them returned men." Delegate Dyson, Calgary, declared that he could not allow the communication to pass, as it was a matter of vital importance to Labor.

"This is not a Labor meeting. The Government has done all possible to avoid a strike," said Delegate Jarvis of Ottawa, who deprecated the idea of strikes in wartime, although they had occurred in the United States and in Canada, and in spite of the fact that members of the G.W.V.A. were affected.

Protect the Soldier. Delegate Harold Meredith, Toronto, pointed out that it was for the association to protect the returned soldier. The Government knew in plenty of time to avoid the trouble. It should make use of its powers of order in Council to right the wrong. President Furney ruled the discussion out of order. Delegate Dyson of Calgary had it made clear that the matter would come up at a later date.

CROSSED THE OURC UNDER DIFFICULTY

American Troops Effected Crossing Despite German Fire

With the American army on the Alsace-Marne front, Monday, July 29, the crossing of the Ourcq river was effected by the Americans on Sunday in brilliant style in the face of great difficulties, the Germans having destroyed the bridges and placed their artillery and machine guns in adjacent positions to resist the attempts of a passage. American forces had planned to cross the Ourcq before daylight on Sunday but the German heavy artillery held the slopes leading to the river under fire which continued all night. The Americans repeatedly started to advance during the night, but as often were held back by the fire of the enemy machine guns and heavier pieces. During one of the jabs in the German firing, Captains Allen of Omaha, Neb., and Smith of New York, to the center of a field, the slopes of which led to the Ourcq. Just then the Germans resumed their fire and Huff and his men dug in and held out until the dawn of daylight.

Choosing an opportunity moment Huff's men dashed to the river and waded across. They immediately went after the machine guns on a bank of the river, and after daylight the fire which they opened on the enemy nest at this point was so intense that the Germans raised the white flag. Anticipating an attack by the Americans, the Germans rushed up, only to be opened upon again by the machine guns. Twelve Germans were killed and nine captured in this operation.

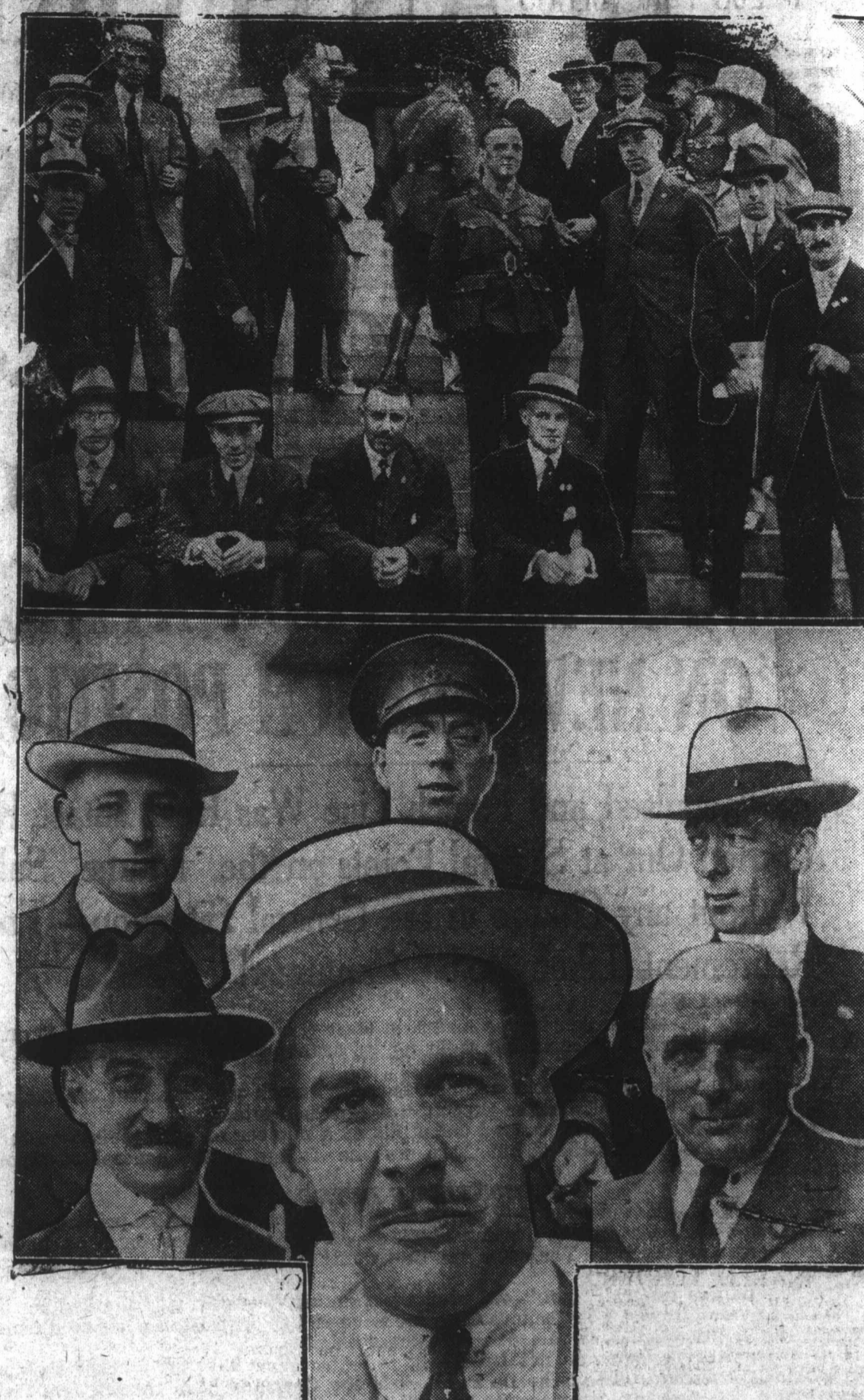
Washington, July 30.—Severe fighting resulting from heavy counter-attacks by fresh enemy troops beyond the line of the Ourcq, was reported in General Romberg's communiqué of yesterday, received today at the War Department. "Beyond the line of the Ourcq heavy counter-attacks made by fresh troops of the enemy have resulted in severe fighting. Severe fighting by our troops yesterday, after having change hands nine times, remains in our possession." With the American Army on the Alsace-Marne front, July 30.—(By The Associated Press).—(1 p.m.) Under fire from the enemy only slightly less than that of yesterday, the Americans on the front north of the Ourcq held on to their positions this morning, and even advanced a little toward the road from Serlinges to Serzy. Repeated efforts by the enemy to dislodge the Americans, were futile. On the Americans left the French are moving forward. To the right the lines are holding steady.

VISIT SIMCOE

Thursday, August the 8th

The people of Brantford who take an interest in houses are invited to make an inspection of the new building at 438 Broad Street, Thursday, August 8th. That afternoon the Gentlemen's Driving Club of the Town of Simcoe will put on a programme of races at the Fair Grounds, which should attract widespread patronage. The programme, which will begin at 2:30 p.m., is as follows: 2:30 Trot or Pace, Purse \$300; 3:20 Trot or Pace, Purse \$300; 3:10 Trot or Pace, Purse \$300. The date is midway between the Guelph and Listowel meetings and the string of entries has already been assured. 1:45 p.m. Return fare \$1.20. Cars go north from Simcoe 5:12, 7:12, 9:12 and 11:25 p.m. Or take 6:21 or 7:43 cars for Port Dover, spend an hour or so at the Lake and catch the 11:25 p.m. car for Brantford.

United States Army balloon No. 3, carrying Red Cross literature and without a pilot, landed in an oat field at Galt.



SOME FACES AT G.W.V.A. CONVENTION IN TORONTO. The group of Veterans in the Top Picture is shown on the Steps of the Technical School, Toronto, before the Convention opened on Monday. The names from left to right are: Ex-Mayor J. W. Mitchell, Calgary; Major J. A. Anderson, Managing Director of the "Veteran," the Association's official organ, and J. Finn, Prince Albert.

ORDERED TO REPORT ON EVE OF MARRIAGE

Rev. S. W. Hann, Appointed Chaplain, Has to Ask Bride to Defer the Ceremony

Windsor, July 20.—Volunteering four years ago to serve as Chaplain with Canadian forces in France, Rev. S. W. Hann, who was recently appointed pastor of Sandwich Methodist Church, did not receive orders to report for duty until yesterday—the eve of his marriage to a Toronto young woman.

Rev. Mr. Hann, when the official message from the Militia Department was pushed into his hands telling him to report for duty, had just finished making arrangements to purchase furniture for his new home in Sandwich. He left for Toronto this afternoon, according to Rev. H. A. Graham, Chairman of Windsor District of the Methodist Church, to induce his prospective bride to defer the ceremony until he returns from France.

CANADIAN CASUALTIES

By Courier Leased Wire. Ottawa, July 31.—To-day's list of 78 casualties reports 3 killed in action, 4 died of wounds, 4 died, 1 prisoner of war, 48 wounded, 3 suffering from burns, 2 suffering from injuries and 4 ill. The list for western Ontario:

- Infantry. Wounded—24,729 G. T. Cole, 13 Market Square, London; 357,039 T. St. Duomo, Toronto; 654,064 S. H. Moore, Walkerville; 653,127 G. Turner, 642 Concession St., Hamilton; 675,958 H. A. Palmer, Tillsonburg; Wounded and gassed—Lieut. S. R. Johnston, Barrie. Ill.—775,432 J. H. Faulkner, Alton.
- Artillery. Wounded—318,898 M. J. Whelan, Orillia. Ill.—65,959 C. Griffiths, St. Catharines.
- Forestry Corps. Died—419,630 J. Stroud, New Hamburg.
- Engineers. Wounded—72,468 G. F. Murden, 40 Gordon St., Brantford. Services. Died—775,565 C. Smith, Brantford, Ont.

SITUATION TO-DAY

By the Associated Press. In spite of the tremendous efforts put forth by the Germans to check the relentless pressure of the Allies north of the Ourcq river, to-day the German positions there in grave danger. French, British and American fighting their way forward to the east of Fere-en-Tardenois, have driven a wedge into the enemy's line and seem to be in a position to compel a hurried retreat from Ronchères and St. Gemme, at the extreme bottom of the salient between Soissons and Rheims.

The Allied line to-day runs south from Soissons to Grand Rezy, and then it begins to turn to the east. It passes just north of Fere-en-Tardenois and continues to the apex of the wedge at the village of Neules, where it turns sharply towards Ronchères. The Allies advance in this region seems to have played them in a dominating position.

All around the salient there has been a continual battle during the past two days with the Germans launching repeated counter attacks against the Allied lines. They have all failed and the Allies have gained important ground at vital points. Immediately south of Soissons and west of Rheims the German lines are strongly held, but enemy efforts to improve his position in the latter region have been thrown down. There now seems to be little doubt that the Germans will retreat to the Vesle river as soon as possible, any possibility of making a stand north of the Ourcq being seemingly gone.

Against the new British positions at Merris, in the Lys salient where the Germans were driven back on Tuesday there has been a heavy bombardment. General von Eichelborn, the German dictator in Ukraine, has been assassinated at Kiev. It is stated that the situation in the new republic is extremely critical, and that many arrests have been made.

BOYS SOFTBALL LEAGUE WINDS UP

The Y. M. C. A. softball league season was brought to a close last evening at the meeting of the executive committee when the following report was presented by the secretary and adopted: The boys' city softball league was formed at a meeting held June 14th, 1918, when officers were elected, league by-laws adopted and playing schedules drawn up. Six teams entered the league as follows: Beaver, Bluebirds, Dodgers, Wasps, Patrollers, and W.A. Brant; and the schedule was so arranged that each team would meet every other team twice, giving each team 10 games, a total of 20 for the league. The schedule called for two playing nights per week, and it speaks well for the faithfulness and enthusiasm of the players that there were only 5 postponed games in the season, three for weather conditions, one by mutual agreement of teams, and one for lack of an umpire.

There were five defaulted games in all, West Brant team being chiefly responsible through defaulting their last four games after winning three out of six games played. Patrollers defaulted their final game against the Bluebirds.

With two games defaulted to them the Bluebirds have gone through the season without defeat, and stand undisputed champions of the league, with the Beavers second with seven wins and three losses.

Through the kindness of local business men interested in the league the winners will receive individual awards in the form of handsome watch fobs. The second team will receive the bat and ball presented to the league by the President.

The secretary's report would not be complete without recognition of the faithful services of the umpires, Messrs. Coleman, L. Whitaker, G. Whitaker, J. Coy and Johnston, to whose unflinching effort much of the league's success is due.

All of which is respectfully submitted, A. W. Geddes, secretary. It was decided to hold an evening of sports in the Y. M. C. A. on Wednesday, Aug. 14th, when the awards will be presented.

OBITUARY

MRS. WHITEHEAD

The death occurred Sunday morning of Mrs. Martha Ann Whitehead in the Hamilton city hospital. She deceased leaves to mourn her loss a husband, two children, a mother, two sisters and three brothers. The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 from 33 Grey St. to Mount Hope cemetery.

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Williams, and to the Simcoe garage, finally landing his man. The fine and costs passed the \$30 mark. If George keeps on he will pay for the road oil easily. It is said that he seldom brought a case to court during his term of service up at Simcoe, but he is on the job here whatever may be the explanation.

Suspended in the air by a window which had fallen upon his neck, the little son of Patrick Dier, of Fairfield, nearly lost his life. Every woman and every man has a "good-buy" offered them on Dollar Day.

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