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VEGETABLE SHOW IS BIG SUCCESS

Some Exhibits to Be Kept as Objects for Lecture Purposes.

Hundreds of people visited the war-time show of vegetables and flowers at the Armories last night. Claim is made that it is the most wonderful exhibition of amateur products in this line ever held in the world, and the fine display leaves no room to doubt the statement.

Adults and children alike are represented in the collections, the entries for which were some 5,000. Returned soldiers have several exceptionally good exhibits. It will be generally conceded that every vegetable and flower shown is good, and many are simply wonderful in size and general conformity to the points that mark them as excellent.

Last night a party of farmers attracted attention. They appeared in their working uniform and sang a number of their parodies to popular airs.

This evening visitors to the show are requested to bring baskets, the intention being to auction the exhibits after 9.30 o'clock, the proceeds to go to the Toronto branch of the Red Cross. This is being done by the generous co-operation of the exhibition, a few of whom have withdrawn their exhibits.

A feature will be the ideal collection to be made from the prize exhibits in 30 classes, and which will be shown later in a downtown window, and later in five different centres, where talks will be given on the methods of working for the prizes awarded.

A tribute to the war-time production of Toronto was given recently when a representative of the British Government stated inspiration had been given to the City of Edinburgh thru the work of the Toronto Rotary Club, and that later the enthusiasm of the movement had spread, resulting in an extra production of 5,000 tons of potatoes in the British Isles.

FRANCE IS THRILLED BY THE GOOD NEWS

No One Doubts That Effort Was Crowned With Full Success.

Paris, Sept. 13.—News of America's first independent offensive on the western front has thrilled France. The newspapers print the battle from various spatches in the largest type and accompany them with maps and explanations regarding the ground fought over. No one doubts that the effort was crowned with full success.

Editorial writers pay a tribute to the modernizing of the general Pershing's official communication, which abstained from mentioning the villages regained or surrounded in the imposing manner.

There had been rumors for weeks past of a coming American offensive, various sectors being given by those "well informed," but as nothing came of the people thought of something else and today's news lost nothing of its effect on this account.

BOY SHOT IN BACK.

Hamilton, Sept. 13.—While a number of young boys were playing with a 22-calibre rifle tonight, it accidentally discharged and Edwin Singsham, a youth whose parents reside at 373 North Ferris avenue, was hit in the back. He was taken to the City Hospital, where the missile was removed by Dr. McFadden, the house surgeon. He will recover.

WAR SUMMARY THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

In Lorraine yesterday the American attack succeeded in flattening out the St. Mihiel salient to a point twelve miles northeast of its former apex at St. Mihiel. By nightfall the Americans had established a straight front between the Meuse and the Moselle Rivers. Their new line yesterday afternoon ran above the following villages: Herbeville, Thillet, Hattonville, St. Benoit, Xammes, Jaulny, Thiaucourt and Vieville. They have thrust the enemy back upon the Hienburg line, constructed in the winter of 1917 in expectation of a general allied offensive last year. In the St. Mihiel salient the enemy had expected an attack and had planned a strong resistance, but the American stroke was too powerful for him to withstand. Up till now yesterday the Americans had taken 13,300 prisoners. They had also reached a point within four miles of the outer fortifications of Metz.

This success puts the allies well astride the watershed between the Meuse and the Moselle Rivers and affords them a convenient field for an advance past Metz on the western side. It affords them facilities for driving a wedge in the German lines between Verdun and Metz, and thus has opened the route for their advance towards the celebrated Briey iron basin. It has also freed an important railway between Verdun, Toul and Nancy, and thus immensely improves the lateral communications of the French. Since the Americans have now come to a point within easy cannon-shot of Metz outworks, they can proceed forthwith to lay siege to this vast entrenched camp. They will probably not beleaguer it, but will effect a breach and on a favorable opportunity carry the fortress by assault.

Metz, which now lies open to attack, has an entrenched camp. Its lines of defense are in great depth. Its guns are mounted on carriages and move about from sector to sector as desired upon railway tracks.

Canadian Officers Reported Wounded

Canadian Associated Press Cable, London, Sept. 13.—The following Canadian officers are reported wounded:

At Vimereux—Capt. J. P. Cathcart, chest and arm, severe; Lieut. W. E. Framo, knee fractured, femur; A. N. Gurney, thigh and femur; both serious; D. M. Andrews, gasser, foot, serious.

At Boulogne—Lieut. Col. C. C. Harbottle, thigh and knee, severe; Lieut. J. E. Wilson and P. M. Basin, fractured humerus, serious; W. S. Collins, lower body, severe; R. L. McGill, elbow, serious; S. T. Barrett, thigh, severe; J. Milne, multiple, severe.

At Rouen—Lieut. H. H. Sparling, multiple, removed from service; Lieut. Ablett, Capt. J. McNeil, legs, severe.

At Hardeot—Lieut. R. H. Beattie, head.

At Camieres—Major P. Walker, nose; Capt. F. K. Frouse, arm; Lieut. A. S. MacFarlane, face; S. H. Hamilton, arm and neck; J. Davidson, arm; E. C. Whitehead, shoulder; all slight.

At Trouville—Major H. M. Savage, leg; Capt. E. S. Sawell, gassed.

At Portsmouth—Lieut. G. E. Macklin, foot, slight.

At Devonport—Capt. W. C. Walsh, face, severe.

At Plymouth—Capt. B. H. Morris, shoulder, severe; Lieut. W. H. Edwards, finger, slight from Abbeville—Lieut. H. M. Lovell, gassed.

From Camieres—Capt. J. Kirkcaldy, Earl G. White, neck; Lieut. W. W. Reid, chin; T. A. Smith, arm; all slight.

From Rouen—Lieut. Col. J. L. Ralston, foot, severe; Lieut. A. G. Elliott, leg.

At Boulogne—Capt. S. E. Holmes, humerus; A. Samuel, thigh; Lieut. D. G. Stewart, hand; Lieut. G. L. Fiedler, leg; E. H. Jordan, foot; all severe.

At Camieres—Capt. W. C. Walsh, face; W. L. Gerrard, leg; A. V. Noble, arm; P. J. McDonald, thigh; W. H. Brown, all slight.

In London—Major H. R. Wilcox, head; Capt. J. L. Mathewson, foot, slight; C. J. Stewart, hand; W. E. McLoughlin, head and gassed, severe; Lieut. E. A. Thomson, spine; E. P. Philpott, multiple, severe; W. C. Borart, thigh, severe; R. C. Lester, thigh.

At Manchester—Capt. J. Patterson, thigh, severe.

At Plymouth—Capt. J. D. Vermer, fractured femur, severe; F. S. Cronk, slight; Lieut. A. G. Stanway, chest and back, severe; W. T. Robus and C. F. Pashler, back and thigh, severe; G. A. Phillips, gassed, slight; E. C. O'Brien, multiple, severe; A. J. Mangot, hand, slight; R. Montgomery, thigh, severe; J. W. McGrath, shoulder, severe; J. Davidson, arm, hand.

At Rouen—Lieut. W. E. Miller, feet and back, severe.

At Vimereux—Major A. E. Debusk, face, severe.

Removed from serious list—Lieut. C. G. Lewis, multiple, dangerous; F. C. Bette, thigh, leg, severe.

At Boulogne—Lieut. G. W. Abbott Smith, fractured humerus; W. L. Hart, thigh, both serious; W. J. Houston, D. T. Selbert, thigh amputated.

Removed from serious list—A. Alden, chest, severe; C. C. Morash, back and chest; A. M. Seatter, multiple, severe.

At Camieres—Lieut. A. J. Malvern, hand, slight.

At Epson—Lieut. F. G. Hall, leg, severe.

At Plymouth—R. E. Dallyn, chest and arm, gassed.

At Farnborough—Lieut. R. A. Stewart, arm and gassed, severe.

At Plymouth—Capt. E. B. Savage, C. B. Hancock, Lieut. W. A. Byrd, J. H. Jennings, K. D. Miller, M. McEae, A. M. McDougall, W. C. McQuade.

HAMILTON'S MAYOR FACES A PROBLEM

Hamilton, Sept. 13.—Mayor Booker, tomorrow morning, will face a problem. He will have to decide whether or not to resign his office, or to have the hydro board, to have the organization seek quarters outside of the city, or to have the hydro board, to have the organization seek quarters outside of the city, or to have the hydro board, to have the organization seek quarters outside of the city.

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The new gas shells and monster guns of the allies, however, have relegated this sort of fortification to the semi-obsolete class. It offers at the present time about as much capacity for resistance as the old Belgian forts at Liege and Antwerp. The enemy, however, if given time, would doubtless improve his position. There is possibility that, at the meeting in the morning, the British and French would launch an attack until he has attempted to have the council reconsider its action. For would not be surprised that the council has been hit \$2500.

Whenever the Germans lose a salient or have to retire under pressure they report that their operation is evacuation according to plan. These evacuations, however, are in consequence of defeat, for the enemy has never yet retired until compelled to retire. It is part of the enemy policy to avoid a hopeless resistance and even to reduce his counter-offensive. This comes from growing shortage in man-power. In the present region, however, the enemy has only a limited field for a retirement and must fight his hardest to save German soil from invasion. The Americans have only a few miles further to advance to come within range of the celebrated Briey iron basin.

The British continued their steady encroaching on German territory yesterday when they moved forward in the Verdun and Jeumont sectors, northeast of St. Quentin. In the Lys valley they continued their advance on La Bassée, capturing the Posse de Bethune and an adjoining slag-heap, and giving them observation over a wide stretch of surrounding country. In this region they are reported to have carried a German trench system and were pressing it back. At La Bassée last night. This movement against La Bassée is against one of the strongest German positions in Flanders. By the way, Flanders begins at La Bassée.

YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS

Unionville BETTER LIGHTING FOR UNIONVILLE

Vote on Bylaw Prefaced by Explanatory Speech by Engineer.

Ratepayers of the Village of Unionville will vote next Monday on a \$10,000 bylaw for the extension of the Hydro-Electric system from Agincourt to the former village, a distance of 5 miles, and judging by the enthusiasm manifested at a meeting held in Victoria Hall in Unionville last night the scheme is likely to go thru sweeping.

The chief speaker of the evening was Frederick T. Stocking, engineer in charge of the construction of all the local lines between Whitty and Guelph. He went fully into every phase of the proposed extension, answering all the questions submitted. "The village rate at the present time is about the lowest in the province in the neighborhood of six miles for local purposes, with good sidewalks, and a future probable outlay for other than lighting. It is proposed to install 35 street lights and the six mile rate will amply provide for this. Markham will ask for the extension of the system to that point, two and a half miles further on, and no time will be lost in pushing the scheme to a conclusion, assuming the ratepayers carry the bylaw. The engineer stated last night that if nothing unforeseen occurred the line may be completed to Unionville by the beginning of the year.

Others who spoke were A. F. Wilson and R. J. Corson, Markham; W. H. Paterson, Agincourt; Frank Rae, W. M. Smith and Rev. J. Humphrey, Unionville. The chair was taken by G. A. M. Davidson, clerk of Markham Township.

Danforth GLEDHILL METHODIST CHURCH OPENS MISSION

In connection with Gledhill Avenue Methodist Mission the congregation has in pushing the scheme an official board appointed. This section of the city has been divided into three districts, with stewards, society representatives and a number of laymen. C. E. F., and participated in many engagements. He was returned to this country about a year ago. The ladies' branch of the G.W.M. Phillips local branch of veterans attended the funeral out of respect to the dead soldier, and the ladies were interred in Prospect Cemetery.

Riverdale MRS. BUCKLAND INTERRED IN ST. JOHN'S CEMETERY

The funeral of Mrs. Annie Sarah Buckland, 60 years, who was found drowned in a bathtub at her late residence, 141 East Gerrard street, took place at St. John's Cemetery, Toronto, yesterday afternoon. Mrs. D. H. Smith, survived by her husband and family.

TO REMEMBER FIGHTERS.

The Home and School Club of Withrow avenue school is making arrangements to hold a bazaar to raise funds for the boys overseas. Last season over \$800 was collected by the members and comforts were sent to the soldiers.

DISCUSS FUEL QUESTION.

A meeting of the delegates appointed to investigate the coal situation at the recent citizens' gathering in the east end will be held this evening at the residence of J. A. Wiedenholts, convenor, 70 Strathcona avenue, at 8 o'clock.

PTE. SMITH IS KILLED.

A. O. and Mrs. Smith, 8 Muriel avenue, have received official notification from Ottawa that their son, Pte. A. V. Smith, C.E.F., was recently killed in action in France. Pte. Smith enlisted in the army about eight months ago with the 15th Battalion. His other brother is at present in the firing line, and a third brother, Pte. F. H. Smith, who was a member of the 134th Battalion, has returned with an arm amputated.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY MEETS.

The first meeting of the Rhodes Avenue Presbyterian Church Women's Missionary Society for the season was held in the school room, East Gerrard street, yesterday afternoon. Mrs. P. J. Manchester, vice-president, occupied the chair. A bale of goods was packed for the northwest.

RIVERDALE DANCES.

The popularity of the Riverdale G.W.M.'s weekly dances is on the increase. Last evening the event was largely attended, and the prize waltz contest had many takers. Comrade W. O. Harding presided, and the music was furnished by Comrade W. Cole's orchestra. Refreshments were served by the women's committee.

Todmorden TODMORDEN HELPS.

Todmorden did its bit for Queen Mary Hospital for Consumptive Children by raising \$107 for the White Rose "tag," which was received at the Gage institute yesterday. Some outside districts have still to send in results.

Earlscourt B.I.A. NOW WILLING TO LET PROJECT ALONE

At the special meeting of the Earlscourt branch of the Great War Veterans, held at Belmont Hall for the purpose of straightening out the confusion as to the erection of the proposed new memorial hall, J. R. MacNicol, president of the British Imperial Association, was present and permission of the committee to put his views before them.

He said he was quite willing that the B.I.A. should drop out of the campaign and leave the matter in the hands of the people, as was proposed by A. D. Brook Sykes at the opening meeting at Dufferin Street school. Mr. MacNicol further stated that not a penny had been collected for the fund, and that this was contrary to the statement of the chairman of the building committee. However, the veterans accepted Mr. MacNicol's statement as to collected funds, and after he had left the meeting the members passed the following resolution:

"That after a thorough discussion of the question as to which organization should build the new memorial hall for Earlscourt's noble dead, we have arrived at the conclusion that we will work in hand only with the citizens of Earlscourt and district, providing the advisory board is appointed from all the organizations and business men of the neighborhood, together with the local clergy."

All members of the executive were present.

GIFTS FOR SOLDIERS.

The Earlscourt Women's Comfort League is preparing to send a large consignment of soldier comforts to the front. This organization has been working hard to provide hand-knitted stockings and other necessities. Packages of tobacco, candies, books, cakes of soap, etc. The league meets at the Royal George Theatre, cor. St. Clair and Dufferin streets, and anyone who wants to fill a sock should call at this address.

MILITARY FUNERAL.

A military funeral was given yesterday to the Corp. F. Phillips, of the Somerset street, Toronto, a former well-known resident of Earlscourt and a member of the Earlscourt branch of the G.W.M. Phillips died at the Hamilton Military Hospital as a result of gas poisoning and wounds contracted on the western front. He was a member of the local branch of the G.W.M. Phillips local branch of veterans attended the funeral out of respect to the dead soldier, and the ladies were interred in Prospect Cemetery.

Leaside LEASIDE BOARDING HOUSES ARE VERY FEW AT LEASIDE

One of the greatest worries in the Town of Leaside is the lack of boarding-house accommodation. "I am being continually asked where can rooms be found in Leaside," said J. Bristow, manager of the Leaside Bus Company, yesterday. "And there are no places available. The few houses which take in boarders are already full to capacity. A big hotel cater for the workers, or a number of large boarding houses in Leaside would pay from the moment they opened, in my opinion."

Among other activities contemplated in the town, Mr. Bristow pointed out that a Chinese laundry may shortly be erected. Enquiries regarding a suitable location are now being made by a Chinese laundry firm who do a considerable business with the cadets' branch of the Royal Air Force at Leaside.

FRENCH TAKE VILLAGE WEST OF ST. QUENTIN

Paris, Sept. 13.—The war office today reports: "West of St. Quentin French troops have occupied the village of Savy. The village is a strategic point. German raids were repulsed."

"In the region of Verdun we made a number of captures of German prisoners. The American attack in the region of St. Mihiel is continuing with success."

TORONTO AIRMAN KILLED.

London, Sept. 13.—Flight Lieutenant Ross A. Blythe, Naval Air Corps, previously missing, now presumed killed, has been reported to have been killed in action in France. He was previously at Furberburg, near Strasbourg, and Lieut. A. J. Cyr, Mosm.

GETS YEAR FOR SHOOTING.

Brantford, Sept. 13.—A year in jail was imposed on T. S. Ronesco in the police court this morning. Ronesco was responsible for the excitement on the market a couple of weeks ago when he pulled a gun on Nick Bimmond and fired three shots in fear that the latter would draw first.

INNOCENCE OF GERMANY.

Amsterdam, Sept. 13.—Reiterating that Germany "is the innocent and attacked party" in the war, had a right to demand indemnification, Friedrich Payer, the German imperial vice-chancellor, in his speech today at Stuttgart, said that "we prefer on calm reflection, and even with our own favorable military situation, to abandon this idea."

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