

BRITISH RE-TAKE HAMEL AND 1,500 PRISONERS IN SURPRISE ATTACK

Australians Assisted by Tanks Advanced a Mile and a Half on 4-Mile Front With Light Casualties.

A despatch from the British Army in France, says:—Complete success crowned the splendid surprise attack made by the Australians on Thursday against the Germans between Villers-Bretonneux and the Somme.

The enemy was taken entirely unaware and the big-framed fighters from Australia stormed their way through the bewildered grey coats with little opposition—a veritable human tornado which left a wake of death behind it.

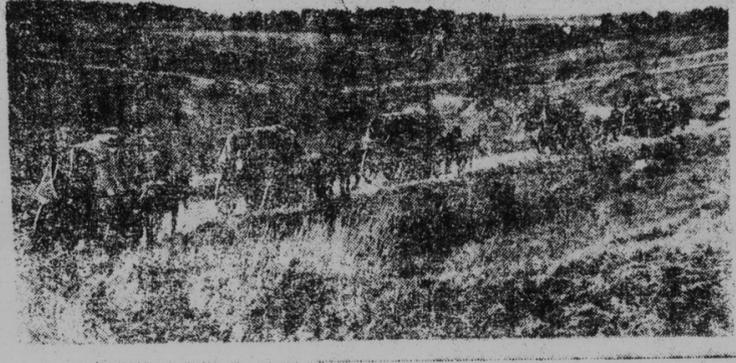
Hamel village was rushed and taken in short order. Vaire and Hamel Woods, with their nests of crackling machine guns, were passed through as though the Australians were doing a practice charge for their commander, and a line of enemy trenches east of these strongholds was cleaned out and annexed.

About 1,500 prisoners were in the British cages this afternoon, while on the battlefield great numbers of the

German Emperor's men lay silent under the brilliant sunshine which could bring them no cheer.

It took the assaulting forces about an hour and a half to complete their work, and at the end of that time they had, with exceedingly light casualties, wrested from the enemy a strip of territory four miles wide and averaging a mile and a half deep. By this operation they obliterated a salient in the British line and gained valuable high ground.

The Australians went over the top behind a large number of tanks, which were to pilot the way. Two minutes before that hour the British artillery all along the sector dropped a tremendous barrage on the German defences from guns of all calibres. This was the first warning the enemy had of impending trouble. Not a word concerning the attack had penetrated to the other side. Even the great uncut tanks had been got into position without the enemy being aware of their presence.



American prairie schoomers, familiar sights on the plains of both the U.S. and Canada, are being used in the Supply Corps of the U.S. Army.

BRITAIN'S FOOD CONTROLLER DEAD

A despatch from London says:—Viscount Rhonda (David Alfred Thomas), the British Food Controller, died on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

Since the recent operations for dispersion of the fluid, consequent to a severe attack of pleurisy, Lord Rhonda weakened gradually. There were few rallies and the bulletins from his bedside in the past few days had held out little hope for his recovery.

Viscount Rhonda was the man who put England and most of the United Kingdom of Great Britain on rations and won the great tide even of the people whose food supply he regulated. Before he achieved the task it was generally regarded as all but impossible.

GOOD HARVEST IN MANITOBA EXPECTED

A despatch from Winnipeg says:—Prosperity again stalks at Manitoba's door. A rich and plentiful harvest is forecast in the first official crop report issued by the Manitoba Agricultural Department.

The report indicates clearly that the crop is about six days ahead of its normal schedule in 70 per cent of the places reported. Of the remainder, about 20 per cent claim normal conditions present, and the other 10 per cent show a tendency to backwardness.

Canada Presents France With Fully Equipped Hospital

A despatch from Paris says:—President Poincaré went to Joinville le Pont, where Sir Robert Borden, in the presence of Gen. Currie, commander-in-chief of the Canadian armies, and several prominent Canadians, presented him with a fully-equipped Canadian hospital. The hospital contains 700 beds, which number will soon be increased to 1,000.



The Sand-shoe Used by Our Soldiers in Palestine When Negotiating the Sand of the Desert.

The soldier in the picture took care that the footwear should be a prominent feature in the landscape. The sand shoes are an excellent invention, and shed with them the men can travel without difficulty over the desert sand. Without them the unaccustomed and treacherous surface is apt to prove full of pitfalls.

Mudsummer.

When the grainfield lies like a lake of glass,
When the strawberries dry in the longest grass,
When black-eyed Susans are all ablaze,
When hosts of the fireweed flush the clearing,
Then you may know that the time is nearing—
The height of summer, the fierce blue days.
When the night breathes deep, like a worn-out sleeper,
When shadows of great white clouds fall deeper,
A sharper foil for the glaring sun,
When out of the hush a bird sings rarely,
When winds blow fitfully, brooks run sparsely,
You may know that the youth of the year is done.

SHIP PRODUCTION WAS HIGH IN JUNE

A despatch from London says:—The British Admiralty announced that during the month of June 131,159 gross tons of merchant shipping was completed in the United Kingdom yards and entered for service.

The record of British shipyards for June fell below that of May, when a total of 197,274 gross tons was entered for service. That was the highest figure for any month during the last year. In April the shipping completed totalled 111,533, and in March 161,674 gross tons.

GERMANS FURTHER SQUEEZE BELGIUM

A despatch from Amsterdam says:—The war contribution which Belgium has to pay to Germany, says Les Nouvelles, has been raised from 50,000,000 francs to 60,000,000 francs monthly. This is equivalent to 750 francs per head. The Germans have convoked the provincial councils to discuss the method of payment by the Belgians.

From The Middle West

BETWEEN ONTARIO AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Items From Provinces Where Many Ontario Boys and Girls Are Living.

Winnipeg's V.C. hero, Capt. Christopher O'Kelly, has returned to France. Lieut. E. H. Cox, a well-known Winnipeg man, was recently killed in action.

During the month of May there were 41 births in Moose Jaw and six deaths. Winnipeg girls donned overalls and handled freight during the recent C. P. R. strike.

Nursing Sister Ion Wishart, Winnipeg, is among the nurses wounded at Etaples May 19th.

Girls' Institutes will be organized as auxiliaries to the Women's Institutes in Western Canada.

Winnipeg Great War Veterans are making an effort to secure civic positions for returned men.

N. W. Warren has been elected head of the Manufacturers Association in the western provinces.

The Manitoba Government has tentatively decided that Winnipeg shall be a city of automatic telephones.

Lieut. H. A. Harper, son of Prof. H. R. Harper, of Western Canada College, has been killed in action.

Allen enemies in western Canada are not to be allowed to buy school lands at the coming sale of school property.

Charles Johnston, formerly secretary of the Moose Jaw Agricultural Society, died of wounds in France, May 25.

Capt. A. V. Cashman, Calgary, is home on leave, and reports a scarcity of military dentists in France and England.

Winnipeg's Citizens' Committee of One Hundred who did such splendid service during the civic strike, will not disband but will form a league to watch civic events.

Roy C. G. Stone, of Vegreville, Alta., has joined the Royal Air Force. Alberta coal mines report a swamping of orders, and great difficulty in getting efficient miners.

Enraged citizens of Vonda, Sask., a town northeast of Saskatoon, smeared yellow paint over the store of Joseph Fournier, hardware merchant, because Fournier had refused to subscribe to the military V.M.C.A. fund.

The C.N.R. will expend the largest part of the proposed \$2,000,000 on new railway extensions throughout Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Winnipeg fuel consumers are advised to lay in an average of 65,000 tons a month during June, July and August in order not to crowd delivery.

The City Council have asked the Dominion Government to take immediate action that will permit Winnipeg citizens to obtain hard coal for next winter.

A tablet to the memory of Lieut. Mozhay Perdue, youngest son of Chief Justice and Mrs. W. E. Perdue, was unveiled in Holy Trinity Church, Winnipeg.

Crop conditions in Saskatchewan are more favorable than in Manitoba.

Approximately 3,100 men 19 and 20 years old registered in Manitoba.

Hon. W. E. Perdue has been officially appointed Chief Justice of Manitoba.

Markets of the World

Breadstuffs

Toronto, July 9.—Manitoba wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$2.23 1/2; No. 2 do., \$2.20 1/2; No. 3 do., \$2.17 1/2; No. 4 wheat, \$2.10 1/2; in store Fort William, including 2 1/2% tax.

Manitoba oats—No. 2 C.W., 86 1/2c; No. 3 C.W., 87 1/2c; extra No. 1 feed, 89 1/2c; No. 1 feed, 89 1/2c, in store Fort William.

Ontario wheat—No. 2 Winter, per car lot, \$2.22; bus's in store Montreal.

Peas—Nominal.

Barley—Malt, \$1.24 to \$1.25, according to freights outside.

Backwheat \$1.20, according to freight outside.

Manitoba flour—War quality, \$10.50; new bags, Toronto and Montreal freights, prompt shipment.

American corn—No. 3 yellow, kiln dried, nominal; No. 4 yellow, kiln dried, nominal.

Ontario oats—No. 2 white, 80 to 81c; No. 3 white, 79 to 80c, according to freights outside.

Rye—No. 2, \$1.80, according to freights outside.

Ontario flour—War quality \$10.75, in bags, Toronto and Montreal; prompt shipment.

Millfeed—Car lots—Delivered Montreal, freights, bags included: Bran per ton, \$25.00; shorts, per ton, \$16.00.

Hay—No. 1, per ton, \$13.00 to \$14.00; mixed, \$11.00 to \$12.00, track Toronto.

Straw—Car lots, per ton, \$8.00 to \$8.50, track Toronto.

Country Produce—Wholesale

Eggs, new-laid, 45 to 46c; selected, new laid, 47 to 48c; cartons, 48 to 49c.

Butter—Creamery, solids, 45c; do., fresh made, 45 to 47c; ordinary dairy prints, 41 to 42c; ordinary dairy prints, 38 to 40c; bakers', 36 to 38c; oleomargarines (best grade), 32 to 34c.

Cheese—New, large 2 1/2 lb., to 24c; twins, 23 1/2 to 24 1/2c; spring made, large, 25 1/2 to 26c; twins, 26 to 26 1/2c.

Beans—Canadian, prime, bushel, \$7.50 to \$8.00. Foreign, hand-picked, bushel, \$6.75 to \$7.00.

Corn Meal—Choice, 16 oz., \$3.50 per dozen; 12 oz., \$3 per dozen; seconds and dark corn, \$2.50 to \$2.75.

Maple syrup—Imperial gallons, \$2.25; 5-gallon tins, \$2.10 per gallon.

Maple sugar, per pound, 24 to 25c.

Provisions—Wholesale

Smoked meats—Rolls, 32 to 33c; hams, medium, 37 to 38c; heavy, 30 to 31c; cooked hams, 50 to 51c; backs, plain, 41 to 42c; backs, boned, 48 to 49c.

Breakfast bacon, 40 to 41c. Cottage rolls, 35 to 36c.

Dry Salted Meats—Long chubs, in tons, 30c; in cases, 30 1/2c; clear beefs, 28 to 28 1/2c; fat backs, 25c.

Lard—Pure, 10 lbs., 30 1/2 to 31c; tubs, 30 1/2 to 31 1/2c; 32 1/2 to 33 1/2c. Shortening, prints, 25 to 26 1/2c; tubs, 25 1/2 to 26 1/2c; prints, 25 1/2 to 26c.

Montreal Markets

Montreal, July 9.—Oats, Canadian western, No. 2, 36 1/2c; extra No. 1 feed, 39 1/2c.

Flour, new standard grade, \$10.35 to \$11.05. Rolled oats, bags, 30 lbs., \$5.10 to \$5.15.

Bran, 35 1/2 to 36 1/2c; shorts, \$6.75. Hay, No. 2, per ton, car lots, \$14.50 to \$15.

Live Stock Markets

Toronto, July 9.—Extra choice heavy steers, \$15.50 to \$16.00; choice heavy steers, \$14.50 to \$14.75.

Butcher's cattle, choice, \$14.50 to \$15.00; do., good, \$13.75 to \$14.00; do., medium, \$12.00 to \$12.50; do., common, \$9.00 to \$11.00.

Butcher's bulls, choice, \$11.75 to \$12.25; do., good, \$11.00 to \$11.50; do., medium, \$10.25 to \$10.75; do., rough, \$7.50 to \$8.50.

Butcher's cows, choice, \$12.00 to \$12.50; do., good, \$11.00 to \$11.50; do., medium, \$8.50 to \$9.50; do., common, \$7.00 to \$8.50.

Feeders, \$11.00 to \$11.50; cullers and cutters, \$5.00 to \$5.50; milkers, good to choice, \$5.00 to \$10.00; do., com. and mil., \$5.00 to \$8.00.

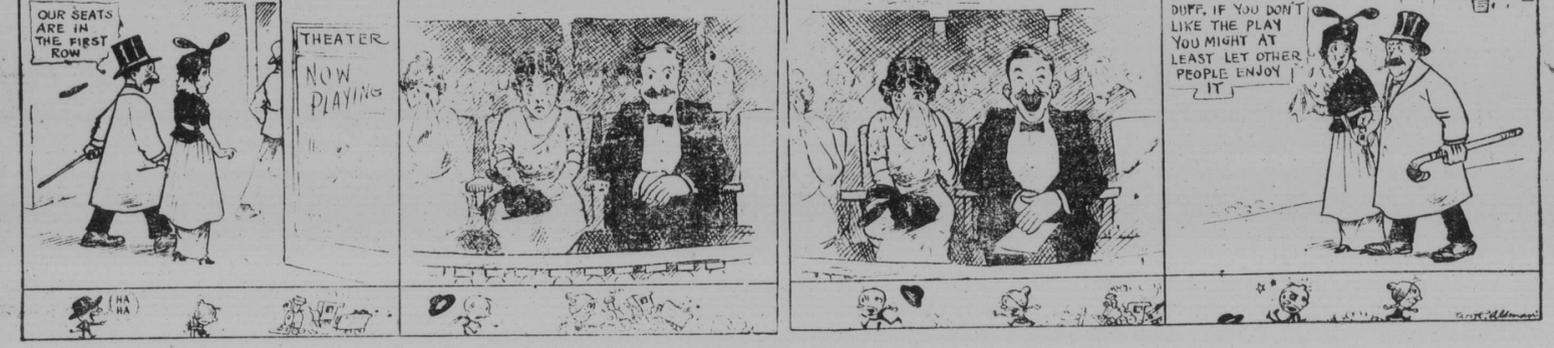
Springers, \$9.00 to \$10.00; light cows, \$13.00 to \$15.00; yearlings, \$15.50 to \$17.00; spring lambs, 50 to 22c; calves, \$13.00 to \$17.00; hogs, fed and watered, \$18.25; do., weighed off cars, \$18.50.

Montreal, July 9.—Choice steers, \$11.00 to \$12.50; inferior, \$10.00; butcher's bulls, \$10.00; butcher's cows, \$7.50 to \$10.00; sheep, \$7.00 to \$12.00; lambs, \$18.00 to \$19.00; calves, milk fed, \$9.00 to \$15.00; select hogs, \$19.00 to \$19.25; sows, \$16.00 to \$16.25.

\$3,000,000 SUBSIDY TO FLAX-GROWERS

A despatch from London says:—The House of Commons has passed the second reading of the bill providing for a Government subsidy of \$600,000 to promote flax growing in Ireland, to replace the lost Belgian and Russian crops and to provide material for the army, navy and air forces.

The Doings of the Duffs.



OUR SEATS ARE IN THE FIRST ROW. THEATER. NOW PLAYING. AFTER THIS TOM DUFF, IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE PLAY YOU MIGHT AT LEAST LET OTHER PEOPLE ENJOY IT.