



**Observation Man Getting Closer To This:**

**"Important News for Toronto Motorists!"**

**(He'll—Soon—Be—Down)**

**WAR SUMMARY**  
THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

THIS, so far, has been French week at the front, for while the British are chiefly rebuilding the roads to their new lines, the French are enlarging their offensive, begun on Monday, by capturing German fortified positions on a total frontage of nearly twelve miles, east of Rheims. West of Rheims, where they advanced yesterday on a 25-mile front, after consolidating their captured positions, today they again opened a destructive fire on the remaining German systems of defence. The rapid extension of the French attack to the lines east of Rheims will severely tax the German resources. The French, first of all, in this new fighting captured nine and three-quarter miles of German first line trenches between Prunay and the road between St. Hilaire and St. Souplet, and then, finding the coast clear, they advanced before the enemy could organize his counter-attacks, and they stormed a line of solidly-organized heights between Mont Carniel and Vandœuvre. Further to the east, in the Champagne, they carried Auberville Village and a German salient of about two miles frontage about this village. Then they defeated a German counter-attack in the direction of Mont Carniel. On this front, about Auberville alone they took 2500 prisoners.

The rapid collapse of two German defensive systems, one drawn thru a line of heights, suggests that the enemy did not expect to be fallen on so soon east of Rheims. He expected the blow to fall in Champagne, and the taking of 2500 prisoners in the Auberville salient alone shows that the enemy had heavily manned those lines. The more men he packs into his trenches now, the greater is the execution of the allied artillery. The perfection of the big gun has brought the artillery arm almost into the same prominence as it had in the days of Napoleon. Between Soissons and Rheims, where the French made a brilliant advance on Monday, they had identified nineteen German divisions as holding this front, and they did great execution in the ranks of these divisions. The prisoners taken on Monday total 11,000, according to a revised estimate.

One feature of the present stage of the war is the mendacity of the German official communication. Each as a rule bears internal evidence of falsification, for the compilers are evidently engaging in a mental conflict between the necessity of falsifying and an inclination to be exact. Thus the enemy admits that the French artillery fire destroyed his front line positions completely so that it became fighting in the open, while he makes the preposterous assertion that in the fighting under these conditions he suffered light casualties as compared with the French. The mere fact, however, that the French occupied his positions, taking 11,000 unwounded prisoners, shows that the heavier losses befel the enemy, for if the contrary had been so, the French attacks would have failed. The enemy also goes far beyond the truth when he said that the French effort on Monday was to break clear thru the German front. The truth is that the allies have accepted as unfeasible the notion of breaking clear thru a hostile front in one day. They are fighting to defeat the Germans in a series of heavy sectional reverses.

Encounters west and northwest of Lens marked the operations on the British left wing yesterday. They exerted strong pressure against the enemy in this region by their alertness and great resisting powers and they made futile German attempts to drive back their advanced troops. Near their centre the British fought a local action north of Gouzeaucourt, and this enabled them to make progress about Havrincourt Wood. East of the Ferone-Cambrai road, at a point about half-way between St. Quentin and Cambrai, they advanced in the previous night and captured Lee Tombole farm, on the Lempire-Vendhuile road, and they gained ground along the spur northeast of Epehy station. The weather was stormy, with high winds and squalls of rain, making operations difficult.

Captured Prussian officers are endeavoring to belittle the achievement of the Canadians in their storming of Vimy ridge by declaring that it could have easily been held and that it was disgracefully defended. They thus also decry the Bavarians, who are as good troops as the Prussians. The fifth Prussian Grenadier Guards also suffered defeat from the Canadians. The Canadians carried Vimy ridge because they received better artillery support and because they are better men than any of the German forces.

The efficiency of the British transport system has speedily put Sir Stanley Maude in position to resume his advance from Bagdad northward towards Mosul, in Mesopotamia, and a telegram received from him at the British war office yesterday showed that he had advanced to within ten miles of Samarra to attack a Turkish army corps, the 18th, stationed in this region. The hot season has begun, making the operations hard for white troops. The activity of General Maude probably has as its main spring the policy of defeating Turkish reinforcements in detail as they arrive within striking distance of Bagdad.

**CANADIAN DEEDS STIR AUSTRALIA**

Message Sets Forth Deep Admiration for Heroes of Vimy Ridge. PROUDLY JOIN HANDS

Duke of Devonshire Expresses Canada's Gratitude for Praise.

Ottawa, April 17.—The following cable has been received from the governor-general of Australia, expressing admiration for the gallantry of the Canadian troops at Vimy Ridge: "On behalf of the government and people of Australia I desire to express our great admiration for the recent brilliant achievements of the Canadian soldiers in France. Australians are proud to join hands across the seas with the brave sons of our sister dominion in the common cause of the empire and look forward to the time when the heroic efforts of the empire and its allies will be crowned with decisive victory."

The Duke of Devonshire replied: "On behalf of the government and people of Canada I thank the governor-general of Australia for his sincere and generous expression of admiration. Canada is proud and grateful that it has fallen to her lot to strike so great a blow for the cause of the empire which it has always been and always will be her noblest privilege to defend alongside her gallant comrades from Australia."

**Eleven Killed at Freiburg In Air Raid, Berlin Reports**

Berlin, via London, April 17.—An official announcement by the war office states that eleven persons have been killed, twenty-nine injured, and considerable damage done to the university building by an air attack on Freiburg.

A British admiralty statement issued last night stated that a large squadron of British and French airplanes had been bombed on the coast of the Channel on Saturday. It was stated that the bombardment was a reprisal for German submarine attacks on British hospital ships.

**Canadian Troops Can Be Carried Thru U. S. Territory**

Ottawa, April 17.—An official memorandum issued by the Canadian Government says: "The United States Government has given permission for the passage of Canadian troops on the Canadian Pacific Railway thru the State of Maine and on the C.N.R. to the State of Minnesota, between Canadian points in both cases."

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**Morgan Cancels Plans Made For Huge Issue of C.P.R. Bonds**

New York, Wednesday, April 18.—The New York Times this morning says: "With the object in view of keeping the investment market as nearly bare as possible, the C.P.R. has cancelled the offering of \$200,000,000 of Canadian Pacific dollar bonds, which had come up in perfecting the plans for the railway offering had made it appear likely that the private offering could not be sold far enough ahead of the government financing to prevent some interference."

**RUNNYMEDE RATEPAYERS ARE ASKING FOR WATER**

The cry for water service was again voiced at the regular monthly meeting of the Runnymede Progressive Ratepayers' Association held in St. George's School. President Jackson stated that with a delay of nearly three years before the lights were put on, the district he was of the opinion that to get the necessary improvements a continual agitation must be kept up.

R. Home Smith, who was present, addressed the meeting, speaking upon the future of the Humber Valley and its relation to the community and the City of Toronto.

**Fall Wheat Has Been Damaged By Continued Cold Weather**

Reports received yesterday from many points in York, Ontario, and Peel Counties all agree that the fall wheat crop has been damaged by the long-continued cold weather, and that it looks much less promising than it did a fortnight ago. At that time the roots were, apparently strong and vigorous, and gave evidence of rapid development, but cold and absence of warm rains has brought about the change. Crops sown by a neighbor in the same position. Up in North York and down around Brooklin and Whitby, the farmers are said to be in some cases plowing up the seeds and wheat lands, but this is not likely to be generally followed, as the fine weather may yet give good results.

**Fire Completely Destroys House Near Newtonbrook**

About 2 o'clock yesterday morning fire was discovered in a large three-story house belonging to Dr. Winnet of Toronto, and situated about a mile and a quarter west of Newtonbrook. The fire was first discovered by a neighbor and the alarm was instantly raised. The fire was done to stay the progress of the fire. A large wood shed and this together with the house was completely destroyed. The building had recently been occupied by Mr. and Mrs. C. Mann, but was vacant at the time of the fire.

**York County and Suburbs**

**LEAVE MONEY BEHIND FOR NEEDFUL CASES**

Fund Raised by Peel Battalion Will Be Administered for Relatives.

With the exodus of the 24th "Peel" Battalion from Ravina Barracks, West Toronto, an amount of approximately \$5000 was left behind in a trust account. This money on hand is the proceeds of the canteen fund and the various garden parties, concerts and amusements conducted by the battalion itself or the Women's War Auxiliary, which was organized to aid the unit. Prior to the men going away the money was raised as to what would become of the funds. Some of the men suggested that the money be equally divided among them; there being about 500 men in the unit, it would mean \$10 to each man. Despite this suggestion the men fell together and voted the money into a fund to be administered during their absence by a committee of three. If the family of a 24th soldier is in need of help, an investigation will be made and help given accordingly. Any amount remaining after the needs of the men upon their return. Although not stated, it is understood that this large sum will go a long way and there should be a fair share.

The remaining men, consisting of eleven officers and three men are busy clearing out the barracks and selling the remainder of the assets. It is expected that the proceeds will be clear in about two weeks.

**YONGE STREET DUST CAUSES DISCOMFORT**

Every Passing Wind Raises Clouds, and Public Are Greatly Inconvenienced.

The condition of upper Yonge street beyond the C.P.R. tracks is such as to cause a great deal of discomfort to the work department, practically no work of any kind having been performed on the thoroughfare since the opening up of spring. The roadway is covered with anywhere from four to five inches of dust and every wind raised clouds of dust which cause the discomfort of the traveling public, while the merchants doing business along Yonge street are greatly handicapped. There is said to be a great deal of sore throat and kindred diseases in the northern portion along Yonge and market streets. Yesterday stated that this is due in a measure to the presence of the clouds of dust. Ald. H. H. Ball appeared before the board of control yesterday, and made a vigorous protest against a continuance of the present perilous policy. He said that if the city could not, or would not, get the roadway cleared, it would be the duty of the property owners in the northern part who themselves contribute funds to have the work done. He was given an assurance that it would be attended to at once.

**MARKHAM FAIR CASE IS ADJOURNED AGAIN**

Official Referee Says it Should Never Have Come Before Courts.

The fifth and concluding day of the Miller vs. Markham Fair case in which John Miller of Unionville is seeking to recover from the board between \$200 and \$400, and which has been in progress before E. S. Neville, the official referee, at the Markham Fair, came to a close about 5 o'clock last night. Liens aggregating in the neighborhood of \$5400 against the fair board had been previously allowed by the referee without taking into account the labor performed by the contractor against the latter's claim for the fair board submitted a counter claim for alleged unfinished work amounting to nearly \$1000. The case has aroused much interest in the neighborhood of the building, which was variously placed at from \$1000 to \$2000.

Summing up the arguments the referee yesterday afternoon commented somewhat severely on the action of the board in allowing the matter to come before the court at all charging that a compromise ought to have been arrived at. He suggested and the suggestion was acted upon, that an agreement be made for the fair board to pay the contractor for the work done and the contractor to accept the fair board's offer for the board agreed to this and a special meeting of the board will be held in Markham Village on Thursday April 19th to see if any arrangement can be arrived at. Failing an agreement all the parties will come before the referee at Osceola Hall on Friday, April 27th, when counsel for both sides will be heard. The interested will sum up the evidence and judgment will be given. Members of the board in the city yesterday stated positively that there would be no compromise in the matter prior to the finding of the referee. The case has aroused much more interest in the southern part of the county than any other matter in a long time.

**GAVE A RECITAL**

A large audience was present in the High Park Avenue Methodist Church yesterday evening on the occasion of a recital conducted under the auspices of the Wilmet Auxiliary of the W. M. S. Miss Maude E. Gillman, A. T. G. M., who recited, "Sowing Seeds in Danby" by Nettie McClung, was well received. A big musical program was also rendered by Miss Montgomery, contralto; E. S. Martindale, organist, and Miss Irwin and Miss Cohen, pianists. The proceeds of the event will be used for missionary purposes. Rev. R. J. Trevelyan was chairman.

**DELEGATES APPOINTED**

President John Walsh and Secretary C. G. Perrett, have been appointed delegates to represent the Earlscourt Business Men's Association at the inaugural meeting of the new central organization of ratepayers of the city to be held this week in Richard Honeyford's office, Kent Building. It is expected that representatives from each of the ratepayers' associations will be present.

**FAVORS JITNEY PROPOSAL**

Regarding the matter of a jitney service from St. Clair avenue to Eglinton avenue, discussed at Monday night's meeting of the Earlscourt Business Men's Association in the Royal George Chambers, Deputy Mayor Fred H. Miller stated that the York Township Council would be pleased to give every facility and encouragement to a private enterprise in the matter of a jitney service, but did not think that a subsidy could be considered, owing to the great expense of the installation of the township water service.

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**WOODSTOCK HOGS GO UP**  
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Woodstock, April 17.—Two record prices were made on the local market today. For weeks the price of hogs has been advancing steadily. Monday the price was \$15.50 live weight. This was thought to be the limit, but today the buyers were willing to pay an extra 25 cents, and \$15.75 per cwt. is now the ruling price. For the first time in years the price of wheat has reached \$2 a bushel. The highest price paid before today was \$1.55.

**TO HAVE NEW ORGAN.**  
Whitby, April 17.—All Saints' church, at a special vestry meeting last night decided to engage the services as organist of Mr. Ernest O'Dell, a musician of wide reputation, who has become a resident thru the establishment of the immense provincial hospital in Whitby, and its use during the war for convalescent soldiers. The vestry also decided to have a new organ to replace the instrument that has served since the building of the church, more than 50 years ago.

**Township of York Taxes 1916**  
Ratepayers of the Township of York who are owners of vacant lands are reminded that TEN PER CENT. will be added to unpaid taxes for the year 1916, and arrears of taxes on the 1st of May, 1917. And in case of taxes for 1916 on occupied lands remaining unpaid after said date the statutory provisions of enforced collection of same by distress or otherwise, as may be determined by the collector, will be taken.

W. J. DOUGLAS,  
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