

THE ALLIES HAVE GAINED OVER TEN MILES IN ABOUT ONE WEEK

Extreme Gravity of the Situation Menaces German Army in Most Dangerous Pocket

Violent Enemy Counter-Attacks and Rear-Guard Actions in Great Strength Fail To Serve the German High Command As Barriers To the Advance of the Allied Troops on the Soissons-Rheims Salient—Advance Slows Down Somewhat, But Position of Boches Most Perilous.

(Undated War Lead By The Associated Press.)
Violent German counter-attacks and rear-guard actions in great strength still fail to serve the German high command as barriers to the advance of the allied troops on the Soissons-Rheims salient.

True, they have aided somewhat in slowing down the fast pace set by the Allies at the commencement of the offensive, but nevertheless on the three sides of the new U-shaped battle front further important gains have been made.

Driving slowly, but surely, south of Soissons the French and American troops have pushed their fronts farther eastward toward that part of Soissons-Chateau Thierry railway line that is still in the hands of the enemy and farther south, along both sides of the Ourcq river and the road leading to Fere-En-Tardenois, Germany's great storehouse for the supply of her troops to the south, important penetrations into enemy-held territory have been made until the maximum point where the Allies are fighting near Coigny is about ten and a half miles from their point of departure last Thursday.

Fierce Resistance.
In the Marne region north of Chateau Thierry the French and Americans have met with the fiercest kind of resistance, for here the German machine gunners and infantrymen are striving hard to stay their progress in an endeavor to extricate large numbers of the German forces who are in danger of capture, and also to save part of the enormous numbers of guns and war material which it is impossible to get out except by the high-roads over the undulating and wooded country.

The advantage in the fighting, however, has rested with the amalgamated Allied troops, who have pushed on northward past the village of Epieds and ousted the Germans from the greater part of the Chateau Forest. In this region the Allies now hold the villages of Epieds and Trugny-Epieds, which were captured by the Germans and were recaptured Wednesday in a counter-attack by the Americans. Pressing on northward the Allies have driven their front beyond Courpail, which lies about 5 1/2 miles northeast of Chateau Thierry.

Progressing Northward.
Along the Marne at several points, notably in the region of Charleville and Jaulgonne and farther east at Trepout the Allies have put the northern bank of the Marne farther behind them in advances and captured a large number of cannon and machine guns and considerable war materials.

LETTER CARRIERS STRIKE IS OVER

Ottawa, July 24.—A sub-committee of the cabinet will confer with the representatives of the letter-carriers. Further, temporary employees of the postoffice department are to participate in the war bonus.
This is the net result of three hours conference between the letter-carriers' delegation and members of the cabinet this afternoon. It is considered by the men's representatives as acceptable under the circumstances, and they advise the men to return to work tomorrow.
"We find this is the best that can be obtained," states a telegram which Alex McMorris, secretary of the Letter-Carriers' Federation sent to the various locals from the conference, "and under the circumstances consider it acceptable and recommend that the men accept it and return to work in the morning."
(Signed) Alex McMorris.

STEAMER DAMAGED

Port Arthur, Ont., July 24.—The passenger steamer Huroic of the Northern Navigation Company, bound up the lakes, encountered difficulties near Passage Island last night by the blowing out of a cylinder-head. The passengers were transferred to an Ibbotson Canadian Pacific steamer which will arrive here tonight. The Huroic is being towed into port.

MASSED GERMAN RESERVES HOLD OPEN JAWS OF TRAP IN AISNE-MARNE REGION

Desperate Teutons Attempting To Stabilize Lines Without Crushing of the Forces Now Withdrawing From the Chateau Thierry and the Marne Salients—Enemy Has Single Railway Line From Pocket.

Washington, July 24.—Massed German reserves are holding open the jaws of the trap General Foch has sprung in the Aisne-Marne region, in a desperate effort to stabilize their lines without the crushing of the forces withdrawing from the Chateau Thierry and Marne salients. Official reports to the war department, however, show that the enemy has but a single railway line remaining in his hands over which to get his heavy material out of the pocket into which he has been forced by allied and American advances.

The situation was graphically explained today by General March, chief of staff, in a mid-week conference with newspaper correspondents. For the last two days, General March said, the employment of probably fifteen divisions of fresh German reserves on the Soissons jaw of the trap has practically steadied the line there.

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IMPORTANT GAINS BY THE ENTENTE

French and American Forces on Aisne-Marne Front Advance Two Miles in Centre of the Line—Epieds and Trugny-Epieds Taken After Desperate Engagements—Success in East.

Paris, July 24.—Highly important gains by the French and American forces on the Aisne-Marne front are reported in the official statement of the war office tonight. In the centre of the line an advance of nearly two miles was made. Desperate engagements were fought in the direction of Epieds and Trugny-Epieds, which villages the Americans again recaptured from the Germans. To the north of Epieds, the Franco-American line is now beyond Courpail.

The statement reads:
"Between the Ourcq and the Marne our attacks, resumed this morning, were continued successfully throughout the day."
"On our left, we hold Armentieres and Chatelet Wood, beyond which we advanced as far as Brecy, which we occupy."
Franco-Americans.

"In the centre Franco-American troops made an advance at certain points of more than three kilometres. Desperate fighting has been in progress in the region of Epieds and Trugny-Epieds, which, retaken by the Germans yesterday at the end of the day, were reconquered again in a counter-attack by the Americans. North of these two villages we have carried our line beyond Courpail."
"On our right we made progress in the Forest of Perre, north of Charleville and Jaulgonne. Further to the east we extended our bridgehead at Trepout and occupied the southern corner of Ris Forest."
"In this sector we captured five cannon of 150 and about fifty machine guns, as well as considerable material."

Bois de Rheims Taken.
"Between the Marne and Rheims there were intermittent artillery actions."
"In yesterday's fighting, in the

course of which our troops occupied the Bois de Rheims, south of Courmas, we made several hundred prisoners. North of Montdidier, the total number of prisoners taken on July 23 in the region of Mally-Raineval and Auberville is 1,850, including 52 officers, among them four battalion chiefs. Among the supplies captured were four cannon of 77, forty-five trench cannon and 300 machine guns."

Eastern Front.

"Eastern theatre—On the west bank of the Cerna, a Serbian assault detachment penetrated the enemy trenches inflicting heavy losses."
"In Albania our operations terminated in the occupation of the entire mountainous region, dominating the right side of the Devoll Valley above the confluence of the Hollax River. On the left we occupied the villages of Iszyuba and Kokoshovo. We repulsed several counter-attacks. The number of prisoners taken by our troops on July 21-22 has reached 642, including six officers."
"On the other hand our losses have been insignificant. Our operations which have been completely successful in Albania for two months were conducted with effective very inferior to those of the enemy. Our attacks have succeeded by reason of perfect preparation and the bravery of our troops, who, in the course of engagements, carried out sometimes in snowstorms and sometimes under an unbearable sun in a very difficult country, have by their skill and resolution taken indisputable ascendancy over their adversary."

YOUNG BOY DROWNED
Sherbrooke, Que., July 24.—Alfred Cormier, 11 years old, was drowned at Costlock last night. The body has not yet been recovered.

INTERNATIONAL PAPER MEN GO OUT ON STRIKE

Washington, July 24.—A telegram from the International Paper Company, announcing the strike of employees in paper mills in New York and Maine was received late today by the war labor board, but no formal action was taken, as the board was engaged in another hearing.
It was expected that the paper mill controversy will be referred to C. A. Crocker and T. M. Guerin, who settled the original controversy between the mill companies and their men by awarding higher wages. The understanding here is that the strike grew out of misunderstandings between committees of employers and employees who were charged with putting the award into effect.
Glensfalls, N. Y., July 24.—More than 3,500 paper mill workers of Northern New York went on strike last night affecting the International Paper Company's mills at Glensfalls, Fort Edward, Corinth and Ticonderoga, and the Finch, Frye and Company's Glensfalls mill. General dissatisfaction on the part of the men with the wage findings of the war labor board is given as the cause of the strike.

NATIONALIZATION OF GRAND TRUNK SEEMS PROBABLE

Hon. Arthur Meighen, Minister of Interior, Says Government Not Inclined To Recede From Its Position.

Montreal, July 24.—Hon. Arthur Meighen, Minister of the Interior, and Hon. J. A. Calder, Minister of Colonization, arrived from England and passed through Montreal tonight.

Asked as to the affairs of the Grand Trunk Railway in which Mr. Meighen has been active on the other side, the minister of the interior was reticent, but after the frequent conferences that were held, he is of the opinion that whatever the present position was, each party now more clearly understands the other not only as to what was granted, but as to how far each was prepared to go. He intimated that the government was not inclined to recede from the position taken during the recent parliamentary debates in favor of nationalization of the whole system.

Hon. J. A. Calder, when asked about immigration pointed out that until Great Britain decided both in parliament and in the imperial conference what was going to be done in regard to emigration, he could not formulate any plans for Canada.

BOY DROWNED IN ST. CHARLES BATHING
William Sunderland, Aged Fourteen, Loses His Life.

Quebec, July 24.—While bathing in the St. Charles River this afternoon, William Sunderland, aged 14 years, son of John Sunderland, 127 Richelieu street, ventured beyond his depth and was drowned. The body was recovered some time later.

LIGHTNING BURNS A RAILROAD STATION

D. A. R. Building At Round Hill, N. S., Destroyed.

Annapolis, N. S., July 24.—The Dominion Atlantic Railway station at Roundhill was struck by lightning today and set on fire. The building and all the contents was destroyed.

FR. McDONALD DEAD

Antigonish, N. S., July 24.—Rev. William Bernard McDonald, parish priest of Lourdes, Pictou County, died here today after a brief illness. He was born at Merigomish, Pictou County, in 1849, and ordained at Quebec in 1876 by Cardinal Taschereau. Following his ordination he became pastor of Lourdes, where he remained until his death. He was one of the best known priests in Nova Scotia.

PRINCE ARTHUR'S TRIP

Quebec, July 24.—Prince Arthur of Connaught will be in Quebec City on August 16th. He will be tendered an official reception on his coming here.

WEIRD SCENES AS THE TEUTON ARMY RETREATS

Stiffened Corpses, Carrion Horseflesh, Debris of Wagons, Abandoned Cannon and Mass of Soldiers' Equipment and Munitions Scattered Over Miles of Surface Torn By Powerful Explosives.

Special cable to New York Tribune and St. John Standard. (By Wilbur Forrest.)

With the French Armies, July 24.—There is a scene south of the River Marne today which, once photographed on the human mind, can never be driven from it. It is a battle field, from which more than 50,000 Germans, finding their safety menaced by Foch's strategy and the victorious allied advance above them, retreated swiftly two days ago to the north bank of the river.

Stiffened corpses still lying there, carrion horseflesh, debris of wagons and cannon and a mass of soldiers' equipment, munitions scattered over miles of surface, torn and tortured by powerful explosives, give a picture of war in terrible reality. But the scene is not uniformly like this. The terrain is punctuated occasionally by yellow wheatfields, which seem to heal somewhat the wounded countryside, though close inspection reveals in them blackened patches of shell holes or something worse.

Occasionally red-roofed villages appear, nestling in the valleys of this country, just south of the famous river. Close inspection shows that they are now but empty shells, having been systematically looted by the advancing Germans and torn by both allied and enemy explosives.

Restoring Order.
The correspondent passing over this country today found Franco-American soldiers beginning their first attempts to put it in order. The burial of horses and men is proceeding here and there, but the task is colossal. Already white crosses are being erected over the mortal remains of the few who fell, to take their places beside weatherbeaten graves of some of Joffre's immortals of 1914, for the war has now passed over this ground for the second time in four years. But most of the losses are German, because the Germans were doing the advancing.
In many places I saw the extreme southern limit of the German line, where the Franco-Americans stopped them. Bodies lay around in shallow trenches they had dug. These trenches were blasted from the ground occasionally by Allied shells. Once, nearer the river, several American graves, over which metal helmets were hanging atop the crosses told a little story of their own. A small party of them were surrounded and refused to surrender. Turning their faces southward they fought their way out. The few survivors arriving reported the incident to the French colonel.

Swaying Battle.
The swaying battle had drifted the main force of Americans where the survivors were unable to find them. It was apparent today that the Germans brought more guns and transport material across the Marne than was first believed. Horses were slain by the hundreds and conveyances remain either destroyed or intact, including one brand new automobile with pneumatic rubber tires.
Many guns were destroyed by the enemy themselves before the retreat, but Allied "clean-up" forces so far have picked up more than 2,000 German rifles and found great stores of unexploded shells and other munitions. Cartridge boxes, knapsacks, gas masks and other paraphernalia make great piles when gathered. Unexploded hand grenades on the ground make the clean-up work not without an element of danger. A Pittsburgh doughboy, found in the village of St. Anna, which is the extreme limit of the enemy advance south of Doullens, told this story simply today.

"We came to France in May. We marched thirty miles from the training camp without a stop, as reinforcements. We found our line on top of the hill over there above the village and the German line on top of the hill on the other side. Nobody held the village because the shellfire was too hot, but there was a German machine gunner in the church tower who made things nasty until we got him. You bet we got him."

Literally Hell.
The doughboy, whose part had been getting the machine gunner and re-mounting the story, today, said the remainder of the historic battle in this sector did not particularly interest him. He admitted, however, that the shell fire was literally hell, and said that last Saturday morning, the Germans who tried to advance on Friday but were thrown back, seemed to disappear, leaving only a few machine guns. Then the Franco-Americans together, began to advance, but the bulk of the enemy recrossed bridges and established themselves on the north bank.
The Germans left small detachments on the south bank armed with machine guns even after 50,000 survivors who had originally crossed had recrossed and fourteen bridges spanning the stream had been blown up. Of those the French-American (Continued on page 3)

LOCAL OPERATION VERY IMPORTANT

Special cable to New York Tribune and St. John Standard. (By Hilaire Belloc.)

London, July 24.—The local operation undertaken by the French north of Montdidier was exactly along the same lines as all those which have succeeded each other without interruption since June 17. The value of these comparatively small operations has been often described. This particular advance gives full observation over the plateau of the Avre river and completes the work begun three weeks ago a little to the north. But if we wish to consider the full meaning of such blows we cannot do better than to consider the great counter offensive launched last Saturday. This movement, which restored initiative to the Allies and destroyed all chance of German victory, was only rendered possible by the capture in one of these local operations a month ago of the high land beyond Lavernette Ridge and notably the village of Cutry.
It was this that proved the jumping off point for General Mangin in the blow which led to the domination of the railway junction at Soissons. Every one of these local operations has some future development in view.

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ST. JOHN, N. B., THURSDAY, JULY 25, 1918.

"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved."

BRITAIN WINS IN THE AIR. That the day of German superiority in the air has passed is indicated by the official statement covering the operations of the British air service for the year ending July 1st, which has just been published and which demonstrates unmistakably that in all branches of aerial warfare Britain is supreme.

During the year under review the principal theatre of aerial operations was on the western front and in that field the British birdmen more than doubled the record of their enemies in the number of machines they destroyed.

The statement says that "during the year on the western front the British Air Force destroyed 2,150 hostile machines and drove down out of control 1,833. In the same period 1,094 British machines were missing, but 32 of these were working with the navy."

Under the rules of the British air service an aviator cannot report an enemy machine destroyed unless he has seen it fall in flames, or crash to the earth out of control.

British, French and Americans made gains yesterday. The British forces captured important positions in Vrigny Wood and were successful in inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy.

While the Allied successes of the past two days are not as spectacular as at the commencement of Foch's counter-offensive, yet their importance will be more apparent in the developments of the near future.

A plan to promote correspondence between the children of Great Britain and children of the United States, with a view to strengthening the amicable relationship between the people of the two greatest nations on earth, has been accepted and already the American ambassador in London has received more than 10,000 letters from British school children to be delivered to school children in the United States.

THE EDITOR'S MAIL

E. S. CARTER'S LETTER To The Editor of The Standard, St. John, N. B.

The reading public are amused and I am surprised at the childish defence of the "Free Fake Ferry," placed before the public through the press by E. S. Carter's letter of July 19th, 1918.

Mr. Editor what appears to bother Mr. Carter most is to know who is an "Honest Observer," and if he is a resident of Kingston Peninsula.

He states that he does not believe there is a resident on the Peninsula who would write such a letter, if so, I would advise Mr. Carter, without fear or favor, that he is placing more confidence in the residents of Kingston Peninsula than the majority of them would place in him and his "Free Fake Ferry."

He also writes that there never was any statement made by him or any member of the Government that the ferry service would be free on Sundays but I would ask Mr. Carter, did he or any member of the Government ever state through the last campaign the ferry service would be free on Sundays?

Mr. Carter states the free ferry service was to enable the farmers to cross the Kennebecs river more readily than the residents of Kingston Peninsula.

Mr. Editor, do you suppose the farmers are paying a toll to cross those bridges on Sundays? I will ask Mr. Carter to state through the press whether it is true that he has received the accommodation for the "free fake ferry" that they received from the late Capt. William Pitt, who established and operated the cable ferry until his death, and I might also say that the public were well satisfied by his successor, Adino P. Pitt.

Mr. Carter writes, the order to charge for ferrage at Perry's Point on the Sabbath day was given by the Minister of Public Works—who dictated the order, and why was the ferryman told he could not use what he collected to buy gasoline with? Why? Mr. Carter gives a very nice reply as to why two men were required to operate the ferry at Gondola Point—the hours being from four o'clock in the morning until nine o'clock at night.

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Little Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE

Us fellows was standing down at the corner watching automobiles go past and wishing we was in them, and all of a sudden Skinny Martin quick stooped down and picked something up, saying, O gee, wat I found. O gee, did anybody lose anything.

Well, I think I lost a sent, sed Ed Wernick feeling in all his pockets with a expression as if he was hunting for sumthing, yes I did, darn if I dident, I lost a sent.

G, so did I, Skinny, I lost one, too, thats funny, sed Puds Simkins. And he started to feel in all his pockets as if he thawt him and Ed Wernick feel in his, making 3 doing it, Sid Hunt saying, Darn if I dont believe I lost one, too G, wats you know about that, how can we tell wich ones it is?

You cant, because I didnt find a sent, I found sumthing elsa, sed Skinny, And Ed and Puds and Sid stopped feeling in their pockets looking surprised, and Lew Davis sed, Gosh, I believe I lost a dime, did you find a dime, Skinny, Id reckonise it if I saw it agen.

Heers wat I found, if anybody wants to know, sed Skinny, And he opened his hand and wat was in it but a old rusty nail, wich woodent of bin break off, on account of not having any point, and all the fellows laffed like anything as if they thawt you are fresh and sweet now—just as they came from Capt. Meek's grave.

He lies on a sunny slope—running up from a green world of elms and beeches. . . We are just back from the military funeral. . . On Wednesday he was full of anticipation for his leave, which was due any time, and his wife joyly to see him. . . They first dropped a flare, and made sure of their target—a red cross on a white background on the roof.

Boston, July 24.—There have been half a dozen deaths and more than a score of prostrations in this city during the present heat wave. The highest temperature, was 93.

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THE HEAT CONTINUES. Boston, July 24.—There have been half a dozen deaths and more than a score of prostrations in this city during the present heat wave. The highest temperature, was 93.

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OBITUARY David Alton. Penobscot, July 24.—David Alton died at Penobscot Sunday morning, after an illness of eight months.

Quebec, July 24.—Dr. T. Fortier of St. Marie Beauce, a son of the former Seigneur Fortier of Beauce, died here today.

John Connell. The death of John Connell took place Tuesday night at the Home for incurables, after a lingering illness.

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PRISONERS GIVEN THE FULL LIMIT IN POLICE COURT

Violators of the Liquor Law Heavily Fined—Unentitled Wearer of War Button Fined \$500—The Lemon Extract Case.

Three stiff penalties were handed out yesterday in the police court. Chief Anderson was fined \$400; John Lano, \$200 for violation of the liquor laws, while Fred Cochran, for wearing a returned soldier's badge, without being entitled to do so, was fined \$500.

Anderson's place of residence in Chapel street, had lately been raided and twelve gallons of Demarara rum seized by the police; again he was charged with selling it liquor at his home. The defendant pleaded guilty.

Chief Inspector Wilson commented on the boot-legging in Notre Dame street, and requested the magistrate to impose the maximum penalties for the offences.

Lano had been found drunk on the street, and was in possession of a suit case containing liquor. Sergeant Fred Cochran's case has been pending for some time to give the defendant an opportunity of securing witnesses. This he was unable to do, and stated further this was his reason for a trial by the Military Tribunal.

Major Cuthbert Morgan, O. C., 7th C. G. R., read an act placing a fine of \$500 on those wearing a badge without the proper authority. When fined the defendant was retained in custody by the military authorities.

Pte. Walter Pyke and Pte. Stanley E. Edwards, arrested on the 18th inst. on Dunn's wharf, and who were loaded down with goods taken from John Carey's store, were committed for trial on a charge of breaking and entering. Pyke was out at the time of the theft on suspended sentence in another case.

The case against the Brayley Drug Co. was next taken up. The firm was charged with selling a liquid over two per cent. alcohol, in violation of the act prohibiting the sale of all liquids over two per cent.

His Honor contended that people would have to utilize some water oring if the lemon now we use was 70 per cent. alcohol, as the idea was to rid the city of drunkenness.

BIG DERRICK CRASHES ON VALLEY RAILROAD No Person Hurt—Accident Will Delay Construction Work.

With a crash, the big derrick used by the Dominion Bridge Company to place the heavy steel girders in the Nerepis bridge on the Valley Railway, toppled over yesterday and lay wrecked.

ROYAL YEAST CAKES Now that the new government standard flour is in general use, the quality of the yeast you use is more important than ever.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION MEET

Two Sessions Held Yesterday—Applications From Sussex and Fredericton Were Heard.

Two sessions of the Public Utilities Commission were held yesterday at the Government rooms. At the morning session the hearing of the application of the Sussex Manufacturing Company, for power to increase rates for electric light and power was concluded.

The further hearing of the application of the Calais Water and Power Company for a new schedule of rates was adjourned.

WAR BONUS CHEQUES FOR GOV'T EMPLOYEES ARE EXPECTED SOON

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Government employees in St. John wearing the "smile that won't come off" and the reason is that yesterday word was received that the war bonus has been allocated to the different departments and cheques will be available in a week or ten days.

During the last session of parliament civil service employees throughout Canada petitioned the government for a war bonus over their scheduled rate of pay to help meet the increased cost of living, and \$3,000,000 was voted for that purpose.

AN EVENING PAPER YESTERDAY STATED that demands for payment of certain sums of money have been made by the provincial government upon Hon. James K. Flemming, W. B. Tennant and Thomas Nagle.

THE ENGINEERS ARE ORGANIZED

Steam and Operating Engineers Formed Union Last Night—Election of Officers and Addresses.

A meeting of the steam and operating engineers was held last evening in their rooms, Union street.

OUTRAGE REPORTED AT NOTRE DAME

James Smith Murray Accuses Roughnecks and Slackers of Smashing Door, Firing Shots, Etc.—Woman in Serious Condition.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, July 24.—James Smith Murray, an aged man of Notre Dame, arrived in Moncton today and laid complaint with Chief Rideout against alleged deserters who he charges with smashing his house and terrifying his household.

MASSED GERMAN RESERVES HOLD OPEN JAWS OF TRAP

On the eastern jaw front, however, the enemy has been crushed back more than a mile and a half on a ten mile front, further impeding his whole position in the salient from which he is endeavoring to extricate his troops.

WILL FIGHT ACTION IF ANY IS BROUGHT

Hon. J. K. Flemming, W. B. Tennant and Thomas Nagle Will Contest Demand of Provincial Government.

Albert County Boy Hit by Lightning Is Unconscious Three Hours, But Will Recover—Cat Killed.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, July 24.—A boy named George Mellich, age 12 years was stunned by lightning in his home in Coquimbou, Albert county, last night.

DRAFTEES LOOK GOOD TO OFFICERS OVER IN FRANCE

Veteran Officer "Over There" Says They Look Like Old Soldiers—Pays Complimentary Remark on Training Received in Canada.

Ever since the Military Service Act went into effect last autumn and the young men were drafted in large numbers, the members of Canada's new army have been complimented on all sides for the showing made while in training.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM ACCIDENT

Woman Nearly Run Over By a Train—Utter Disregard of Traffic Police Signals Commented on.

CALAIS CITIZENS HAVE BIG TIME

Celebrate Victorious Feat of Arms in France—Judge Cockburn Speaks.

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WEDDINGS A Quiet Wedding. A quiet wedding took place at George street Baptist parsonage, Fredericton, on July 22nd, when Rev. M. Addison united in marriage Miss Gladys Payne Hoyt, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Munson Hoyt, of Millville, to Ervin J. Mills, of Rusagornish.

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AMERICANS AND FRENCH REACH WESTERN BANK OF CRISE RIVER

Bad Weather Retards Advance in This Vital Region—Should Allies Succeed in Crossing the Crise and in Gaining the Plateau to the Eastward of That Stream German Occupation of Soissons Would Probably Be Short Lived—Allies Press Forward in Important Sectors—Germany Wants Peace.

(Undated War Lead By The Associated Press). In spite of the desperate efforts of the Germans to bring up reserves and stabilize the lines on either side of the salient, from Soissons to Rheims, the Allies appear to be pressing forward in vital sections on the front south of Soissons and near Rheims.

Following its policy of conservation, the French war office reports nothing but heavy artillery fire around the salient and the repulse of a German counter-attack in the region of Vigny, five miles southwest of Rheims. Nothing is said as to progress against the increased German resistance north of the Marne, nor is there mention of the situation north of Montdidier, where on Tuesday morning the French took positions dominating long reaches of the Avere river.

Weather Responsible. From unofficial sources, it is reported that the rainy weather of the past few days has slowed up the fighting between Soissons and Rheims, and probably also had retarded the German retreat from the bag in which the Crown Prince's forces were caught by General Mangin's thrust against the western side of the salient.

Stern Resistance. Such an advance would, also, make the line of the Vesle of slight advantage to the Germans and would probably compel their eventual retirement to the Aisne River. For this reason the Allied efforts to forge eastward of Buzancy may be expected to be redoubled and the German resistance at this point will probably be of the sternest character.

Peace Talk. Reports from Amsterdam quote the Socialist newspaper Vorwarts of Berlin as saying that Germany has made use of the good offices of Spain in suggesting to the Allies that a peace conference should be held. The terms suggested as the basis for negotiations appears to be in substance much the same as those which have been advanced several times by German statesmen in the recent past. If the report is true this is the first time, however, that peace suggestions have been made in the usual diplomatic way, through a neutral government.

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ting friends at Grand Falls for a few days. P. N. Welling and Miss Beatrice Welling are visiting friends in Woodstock. Mrs. Guy Porter is spending a week at Freely's hotel.

NEWCASTLE

Newcastle, July 23.—Mrs. Cotton and daughter, Mrs. Rosamond of Ottawa, left here last night for Murray Bay, P. Q. About three weeks ago, while passing through Newcastle from England, Mr. Rosamond having been killed in France, Mrs. Rosamond took ill with pneumonia and had to stop here and go to the Miramichi hospital. She is now convalescent. Three of Mrs. Rosamond's brothers have also fallen in the present war.

RAISING AN ARMY

Amsterdam, July 24.—General mobilization of the Russian army began on July 7, according to Moscow advices received here.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Allen and Mrs. Allen Perley were visiting in Presque Isle and Carleton on Saturday. Mr. James McNair, Wapeke has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Pringle Kelly. Miss Beulah Anderson is spending the vacation with relatives at Wapeke.

CASUALTIES

Ottawa, July 24.—Today's list of 79 casualties includes one killed in action, one accidentally killed, two died of wounds, four died, three wounded and missing, one missing, two prisoners of war fifty wounded, three gassed, one suffering from burns and eleven ill. Those from the Maritime Provinces follow:

Infantry. Wounded—M. A. Paul, Kingsclear, N. B. Burns—J. Gallant, Halifax.

Machine Gun. Wounded—J. P. Cormier, Magdalen, N. B.

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ANDOVER

Andover, July 23.—On Monday afternoon, Mrs. Iva Rivers gave a successful tea at the home of W. G. Gillett, when \$15.95 was realized for the Red Cross. On Tuesday the young ladies held a Flower Tag Day in the village and collected over \$75.00 for Red Cross work.

HARVEY STATION

Harvey Station, July 23.—The weather for the past few weeks has been very wet and showery. Mr. Dan Manzer was visiting friends in St. Stephen last week. Mrs. Guy Piercy and Miss Dora

Blame the Nerves

When you cannot sleep and are easily irritated and worried you have reason to suspect that the nerves are below normal. They are not getting proper nourishment from the food you eat and need a little special help. A few weeks' treatment with Dr. Chase's Nerve Food will do wonders for anyone in this condition. Note your increase in weight while using this food cure.

Mr. N. J. Woolton was in Edmundston the past week. Miss Dorothy Olmstead has been vis-

SPORTING NEWS AND GOSSIP

ST. JOHN BOWLERS ROLL CAPITAL TEAM

Match Game in Fredericton Friday Night—Good Scores Made At The Palace.

Some extra good rolling was done at the Palace Alley, Fredericton, in the weekly roll off last Monday night. Hughie Smith proved the winner with a total of 329 for the three strings an alley record with a pin fall of 130 for one string; James Searle was second with a total of 269 and J. Wheaton third with a total of 268. There were fifteen qualified bowlers who competed in the roll-off.

THE BIG LEAGUES

NATIONAL LEAGUE St. Louis 10-New York 2 New York, July 24.—The St. Louis Nationals hit three New York pitchers all over the field today, and easily defeated the Giants by a score of 10 to 2.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE Baltimore 8-Rochester 4 At Baltimore. First game. Baltimore 8-Rochester 4

VETERAN PITCHER LEFT NEW YORKS New York, July 24.—George McGrigg, a veteran pitcher of the New York American team, today severed his connection with the club and signed with the staffed shipyard company club of Staten Island, Morridge joined the Yankees in 1915, coming from the Chicago Americans. The standard, it was stated, has made offers to others of the New York Americans which were under consideration when the club left tonight for Cleveland to carry out its regular program, while awaiting the final decision of the war department on the work or fight order as it applies to baseball.

THREE WORLD'S HARNESS RECORDS BROKEN YESTERDAY

Four Year Old Bertha McGuire Trots in 2.04 1/4—Fastest Six Heat Race on Record and Fastest Sixth Heat.

Toledo, July 24.—Three world's harness records were broken on the Port Miami track here this afternoon, the second day of the Grand Circuit meeting. The first new mark was made by Bertha McGuire in the Fort Miami Stake event, for 2.08 trotters, trotted a mile in 2.04 1/4, making a new world's record for four year old fillies. The former record of 2.04 3/4, made at Lexington, was held jointly by Joan and Mary Putnam.

SECRETARY BAKER WILL ANNOUNCE DECISION TODAY

National Baseball Commission Presented Brief—If Regulation Enforced Less Than Sixty Players Will Remain in Two Leagues.

Washington, July 24.—Secretary Baker late today postponed until tomorrow his decision on extending the effective time of the "work or fight" regulations as they apply to professional baseball players.

CIRCUIT RACES ARE CALLED OFF

Lack of Entries Given As Cause—Arranging For Meet At Later Date—Two Classes Next Saturday.

The Maritime Horse Racing Circuit events scheduled for July 26-27 at Moosepath Park, have been declared off on account of the insufficient number of entries to make the race a success.

MARION TODD, RACER, KILLED

Lightning Does Much Damage Over New Brunswick Border in Aroostook.

Prosque Isle, Me., July 24.—In a terrific electric storm yesterday lightning struck the south end of the trotting park stable, killing Marion Todd, fine Francis horse owned by Fred Sylvester of Ashland. The horse was one of the most promising in Aroostook Co. He won a race in fast time in the circuit races in Caribou. Slight damage was done to the stable.

LOST BY A MINT JULEP

The Defeat of Tilden For the Presidency Due To Hearing a Secret Whispered in a Barroom.

(Samuel Hudson in the Philadelphia North American.) One day in the lifetime of the Fifth Congress "Sam" Randall, the once famous protectionist Democrat, while "slightly under the influence" of spirituous beverages, to which he was unfortunately addicted, told how a mint julep cost Samuel J. Tilden the presidency in 1876. This is Randall's story:

FRED FULTON A DELINQUENT

Claimant To Heavyweight Title May Be Taken Into Custody—Failed To Appear Before the Board.

Harrison, N. J., July 24.—Fred Fulton, the Minnesota claimant of the heavyweight pugilistic title, has been classed as a delinquent in the draft act and may be taken into custody here on advice of Chairman Henry S. Wise, of the local draft board number 125 of New York City. It was learned tonight that Fulton is scheduled to appear before the board in an eight round bout here Saturday night.

WALTER JOHNSON HAS WIRED TERMS

Duluth, Minn., July 24.—Walter Johnson, the Washington pitcher who was wired terms by the management of the Duluth baseball team of the head of the Lakes-Mesa circuit today. The management offered the moundman at least \$300 per game to pitch here if organized baseball disbanded under the Crowder "work or fight" ruling. The telegrams were despatched to Claude Hendrix the Chicago National pitcher and to Henry Severid, catcher of the St. Louis Americans. It depends on the outcome of the Crowder edict, to the reply received from Hendrix and Severid.

ROTHESAY RED CROSS MARKET

The Rothesay Red Cross Market held yesterday for the fourth week proved even more successful than before, \$35.00 being realized by the sale of vegetables and war time cooking. The market opened at ten in the morning and by eleven o'clock the tables were completely sold out. Twenty-seven people contributed to this, ten of whom were solicited by the committee.

Lovely flowers are sent in from the gardens and these bring an additional sum for the funds.

EMMY WEHLER

First Officer (in span of jealousy)—Who's the knock-kneed chap with your sister? Second Officer—My other sister—Punch.

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NEWS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

V. A. D. DETACHMENT ARRIVE IN ENGLAND

Rev. Canon Dastel of Rothesay and A. M. Rowan of Main street received cables yesterday from their daughters announcing that these young ladies, who are V. A. D.'s, have arrived safe in England.

Young ladies of the V. A. D. detachment were: Miss Mary MacLaren, Miss Jennetta Bridges, Miss Doris De Faber, Miss Alice Rowan, Miss Joan Daniel, Miss Hill and Miss McKean. Nursing Sisters Babbitt, Peters, Carr, Burns, Delaney, Crockett, Hawkins and Thompson were also on the same steamer, as were Lt. Wilbur Gerow of the engineers and Shirley B. Ellis, with the C. O. T. C. draft from Toronto University.

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Moncton, July 23.—Ald. and Mrs. B. Belliveau left this week for Alberton, Prince Edward Island to spend a few days.
Mrs. and Mrs. George H. Lidout and young son, left this week for Hamilton, Ont., to spend a few weeks.
Mrs. L. G. B. Lawson left this week for Toronto, where she will spend a month with relatives and friends.
Mrs. Dr. McGrath and three little daughters of Fredericton, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. V. Gallagher, Alma street.
Mrs. Gouding of Halifax, is visiting in the city, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Fox.
Mr. L. B. McMurdo has returned from a ten days' trip through Prince Edward Island.
Mr. James Lawson is spending his vacation at Brown's Place, N. B.
Mrs. Ketchum of St. John, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Wm. Floodwood, Gordon street.
Mrs. Helen Cutton and daughter of Fredericton, are visiting friends in this city.
Mrs. T. McBeath and family, are spending the summer in Arnprior, P. E. I.
Miss E. Matthews of Truro, N. S., is spending a short time at her home in this city.
Mrs. P. C. Edgett and son, left this week for New Glasgow to visit friends.
Miss Josie Moore left on Saturday for Toronto to resume her studies at St. Michael's University.
Lieut. and Mrs. L. A. W. Stevan are receiving congratulations upon the arrival of a baby boy in their home.
Mr. and Mrs. Percy Higgins have returned from a trip to Montreal, Toronto, Boston and Battle Creek, Mich.
Mrs. F. Stetcheil and Mr. Stetcheil of Sydney, S. S., are the guests of friends in this city.
Mrs. Dr. H. H. Coleman is visiting friends in St. John, N. B.
Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Roche and children of Wolfville, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. McLatchey, Alma street.
Cadet Laurence Bell of the Royal Flying Corps, Toronto, is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bell, Church street.
Mrs. Cooke of Toronto, who has been the guest of friends in Moncton, is visiting in Shediac for a few days.
Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Steeves, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Goldard have returned from a two week's motor trip to Boston, Mass., and various points in Maine.
Mr. and Mrs. E. Verne Richardson and son, Billy, left on Friday on a holiday trip to Washington, D. C.
Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Ogilvie and little daughters, have returned from a trip to Indiana.
Mrs. Stella Gormon of Fredericton, is spending a few days with friends in this city.
Miss Kate Storey of Woodstock, is spending a few days with friends in this city.
Mrs. Don Cummings of this city, is the guest of friends in Summerside, P. E. I.
Mrs. F. W. Sumner left this week to attend the marriage of her sister in Toronto.
Mrs. W. McFarlane, of Ottawa, is the guest of her son, Mr. and Mrs. J. Flanagan of this city.
Mrs. C. G. Moore and children of Racine, Wis., are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Knight, St. George street.
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kethro of this city, are visiting friends in Newcastle.
Mr. L. Giddis of St. Catharines, Ont., is a visitor in the city during the past week.
Miss Julia Fish of Five Islands, N. B., is in the city, visiting her aunt, Mrs. F. Goodwin.
Dr. W. A. Ferguson, attended the annual meeting of the N. B. Medical Society at St. John this week.

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