

Saturday June 3rd

Dad got home about six or before this morning just as I was starting to milk and about ten o'clock, he, Enck & the baby started for Simcoe with the hay to see the circus which was to be there to-day. Frank went soon after on his wheel. They told me they would be sure to be back by the middle of the after noon. I didn't do much till dinner time but chores. Mrs. Gask was in for a few minutes to see Enck about noon. She is here for a few days and is staying just now at the Peck place. Frank was down to see her last night. She only stayed a few minutes. After I had partaken of my solitary lunch I sat around and read for awhile, then went out and cleaned Jennie and then started to rake up the hay on the lawn, while I was at that Auntie Alice came over, thinking I would be getting tired of my own company and brought me the mail. There was rather bad news in the paper as a British fleet was engaged in the Shagurack on Wednesday & Wednesday night by the entire German High Seas fleet and received quite a mauling. What seriousness lay in the great loss of men and ships they sustained as the Germans didn't gain any particular advantage and were fighting with the odds greatly in their favor. As soon as the main British fleet

the Gloke says hurriedly steamed to the scene of action the German's left off pounding the over-matched ships they had engaged and scuttled back to port. The British loss was three Dreadnoughts, three cruisers, and eight destroyers, while the Germans admit the loss of one battle-ship and two cruisers but it is believed there was more on both sides. They don't know how many men were lost but if none were saved from the sinking ships there would be about six thousand. The greatest loss outside of the men was that of the battle-ship "Queen Mary" which was about the last word in battleship construction both in speed and the mounting of big guns. She was a sister ship to the "Queen Elizabeth." Auntie Alice didn't stay long as she thought they would soon be back. I worked a while longer at the lawn and got some of it cut but I didn't start very early to do chores as I expected them back any minute. However, it was after six when I got the cows up and in and no sign of them and I was just about through milking when they came in quite a bit after seven. They said the performance didn't start till so late, but they had a good day. The circus was a small one and they didn't have many animals but they had them very well trained. Frank rode in soon