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CAR PLUNGES IN NIAGARA RIVER NEARLY 30 Lives Lost and 35 Persons Injured When Gorge Route Car, Crowded With Sightseers, is Hurled by Wash-Out Over Bank—No Canadians Among the Victims—Heroic Rescues Are Effected by Soldiers and Civilians—Bodies Swept Away. RUSSIANS OPEN DRIVE IN GALICIA CANADIANS MAKE ADVANCE

BRITISH AGAIN TIGHTEN GRIP ON FRANCE'S COAL CENTRE

**Field Marshal Haig's Troops
Capture Half Mile of
Trenches on North Bank
of Souchez River, West
and Northwest of Lens.**

London, July 1.—Field Marshal Haig continues to tighten his grip on Lens. On the north bank of the River Souchez, British troops have captured German positions on a front of half a mile, southwest and west of Lens. The British army, during June, captured 888 German prisoners, including 175 officers and 67 guns, including two heavy guns, as well as much other war material.

British troops continue to make progress in their encirclement of the French mining town of Lens. Today's official statement from the British headquarters reports the capture of German defences on a half mile front along the north bank of the Souchez River, southwest and west of Lens. The text of the announcement reads:

"Following our success yesterday south of Lens, our troops attacked last night on the north bank of the River Souchez and captured the enemy's defences on a front of about half a mile immediately southwest and west of the town.

"We successfully raided enemy trenches during the night northeast of Epheux.

"As the result of enemy raids east of Gouzeaucourt and in the neighborhood of Armentieres, we took prisoner a few Germans.

"The enemy's artillery has shown considerable activity during the day in the Scarpe Valley, in the neighborhood of Lens.

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BRITISH RAIDS CAPTURE REMARKABLE LETTERS

**One German Epistle Tells of Wrecking of Hun
Munition Plant, Another of Confiscating
Church Bells for Cannon.**

By R. T. Small, Associated Press Correspondent.
British Army Headquarters in France, July 1.—Some remarkable items of German news have been gleaned within the past few days from letters found in raided dugouts. One of them, written from Bielefeld, Prussia, June 5, tells of an explosion in a munition factory at Detmold, and continues:

"It was terribly sad. On Sunday 90 victims already had been buried. One woman, who had lost four sons in the field, has now lost her three daughters in the explosion. It is strange that the Westphalian newspapers give no report of the accident."

Another letter, written at Erfurt, Prussian Saxony, May 28, says: "The church bells have been melted down and turned into shells. No eye remained dry when the pastor mentioned that instead of ringing out tidings of an early peace they must now cause death and destruction."

RUSSIAN ONSET OPENS WITH MANY ASSAULTS

**Germans Report Fighting on Stripa, Narayuvka,
Zlota Lipa, in Eastern Galicia—Artillery
on Both Sides Active.**

London, July 1.—The soldiers of Russia have assumed the offensive. For the first time since the revolution, last March, Russian troops have begun an attack on an extensive scale. Along a front of eighteen and one-half miles, in the region of Brzezany, Galicia, Russian troops have stormed the German positions. Berlin says the Russians suffered heavy losses and were compelled to retire before the German fire. The attack was made between the Upper Stripa and the Narayuvka River, a tributary of the Gnina, Lipa, in the section southwest of Lemberg, the Galician capital, where the artillery firing has been very recent.

The Russians also made night attacks on both sides of Brzezany and near Zwyn, and Berlin reports that the assaults between the Zlota Lipa and the Narayuvka have brought on new battles between the opposing forces. The artillery arm of the Russian forces has been active and from the Berlin report it is learned that an intense duel has been in progress from the region of Brzezany to as far northward as the middle stretch of Volhynia, a distance of about 175 miles.

Berlin declares that the Russian attacks, which it says were powerful, were brought about thru the pressure of the leading entente powers. The text of the official statement says: "The Russian Government, having been constrained to yield to the pressure of the leading entente powers, part of the army has been induced to attack."

The region of the Narayuvka and upper Stripa Rivers has been the scene of much bitter fighting since General Brusiloff ended his victorious campaign last year, and Brzezany is one of the keys to Lemberg.

He Kin Recall a Lot



The Lan'mark: Yes, Preach. I wuz in Wee York fifty years ago at th' furst Dominion Day an' carried th' flag from St. Lawrence Market to St. Patrick's Market on Queen street west, where Ogilvie R. Gowan an' James Beatty ov th' ole Leader made stirrin' addresses.

The Preach: Where were you on July first thirty years before that?

The Lan'mark: I wuz out in '37 puttin' down McKinnies' rebellion up to John Montgomery's tavern on Yung street an' took seventeen rebs with my own han', an' brought McKinnies down to the ole jail, where he was tried for high treason. I wuz on the jury that tried him.

The Preach: And where were you in 1817?

The Lan'mark: I wuz restin' after bein' with Isaac Brock an' th' brave York volunteers who stormed Queenston Hill. I talked with Laura Secor at th' ole King's Head at Burlington Beach an' I cum home by th' Head on the Lake, an' had a fish dinner at Port Credit—real salt water salmon youst to be caught there in them days.

The Preach: Did you ever see George Washington?

The Lan'mark: No, but I saw Uncle Tom Cabin, who wuz a slave on George's farm at Mount Vernon.

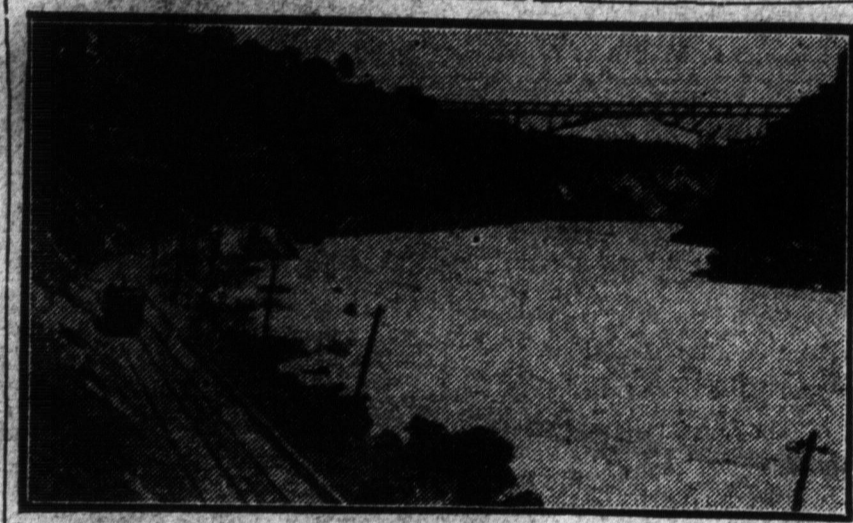
The Preach: Losh bless us, John, but ye do gang away back.

The Lan'mark: Yuh bet yuh, Mister.

DINEEN'S ARE CONFEDERATING.

Appropriately celebrating today, but we will all be on the job again Tuesday morning, and at your service with summer hats, sennits, panamas and light cloth and canvas caps for outing. Dineen's, 140 Xp. street.

WASH-OUT IN NIAGARA GORGE HURLS RADIAL CAR INTO WATER



Photograph of the spot on the Gorge route where the car left the rails on Sunday afternoon.

Victims of Disaster

KNOWN DEAD.
Alek Mearn, conductor, Niagara Falls.
Marion Lloyd Schumacher, Akron.
J. R. Muok, Princeton, Ind.
Mrs. Bertha Seastrom, Jamestown, N.Y.
Miss Seastrom, Erie.
Mrs. G. J. McCoy, Kansas City, Mo.
Mrs. D. W. Ball, Arcadia, Fla.
Miss E. M. Seastrom, Chicago, Ill.
James S. Kent, Scranton, Pa.
Harvey G. Phelps, Schenectady, N.Y.
Two unidentified women and two unidentified men are in the morgue.

MISSING.
Violet Seastrom, Jamestown, N.Y.
S. K. Brown, Warren, Ohio.

INJURED.
J. M. Seastrom, Miss J. Seastrom, Miss A. Seastrom, Miss M. Seastrom, Jamestown, N.Y.
Etta Poole, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Mrs. James S. Kent, Scranton, Pa.
Mrs. H. G. Smith, Akron, Ohio.

Norman Miller, Erie, Pa.
A. M. Dougan, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Stimmonni and Horard,
Japanese students, address unknown.
Mrs. J. Hamiller, Erie, Pa.
Rachael B. Simpson, Martin's Ferry, Ohio.
Mrs. S. W. Ball, Washington, Pa.
B. G. Sles, Toledo, Ohio.
Mrs. E. G. Sles, Toledo, Ohio.
George Wright, Erie, Pa.
Clarence McCaul, Co. F., 74th Regt.,
rescue worker.
George W. Sweeney, Renova, Pa.
John Horlacher, Rochester, N.Y.
B. G. Sles, Toledo, Ohio.
Daniel I. Manning, New York, N.Y.
Miss Berth Lucas, Renova, Pa.
Mrs. John Horlacher, Rochester, N.Y.
Mrs. S. K. Brown, Warren, Ohio.
George Riseng, Erie, Pa.
Mrs. Norman Miller, Erie, Pa.
Mrs. Josephine Volgetadt, Erie, Pa.
Frank Stelmanski, Chicago, Ill.

Roadbed, Weakened By Heavy Rains, Proves Treacherous, and Crowded Car is Precipitated Into River in Thirty Seconds—Heroic Efforts By Soldiers and Civilians to Rescue—Many Bodies Carried Away.

Special to The Toronto World.
Niagara Falls, N.Y., July 1.—Twenty-eight persons killed and 35 others injured is estimated tonight to be the toll resulting from the plunge of a Gorge route car into the Niagara River about 6:30 p.m. today.

The car, which contained about 65 passengers, mostly sightseers on a holiday trip to the Falls, was running at a medium rate of speed across a trestle skirting the abutments of the cantilever bridge, about twenty feet from the water, when a washout, due to heavy rains, caused the earth beneath the trestle to slide into the river, overturning the car and hurling it into the water. There had been an opportunity to jump. Several of those who did were carried into the river with the tons of rock and earth of the slide. The car turned on its side, slid into the water and overturned when it struck the rocky bottom, and rested on the roof in ten feet of water.

Many of the bodies were carried down the river and thru the Whirlpool Rapids, a short distance from the scene of the accident. It is believed the remains of those victims will never be returned.

It is stated tonight that so far as can be learned no Canadians were aboard the car.

The car, in charge of Motorman Grandall and Conductor Heron, had all but completed the circuit of the gorge, having crossed from the Canadian side of the river on the trolley bridge at Lewiston. The car was one of the open type, the seats extending from side to side, with steps on both sides, the full length of the car.

In Thirty Seconds.
All the seats were occupied and some of the passengers were standing between them, and there were others on the rear platform. The car was hurled to the scene of the accident at a speed of about twenty miles an hour when it struck the weak spot in the roadbed. Less than half a minute elapsed from the time the motorman felt the first jarring away until the car was bottom side up on the edge of the rushing rapids.

As it slipped down the twenty-foot incline from the tracks to the edge of the river, screaming men and women fought to escape, and some of them were able to get free, but were unable to get a footing on the steep bank.

National guardsmen on duty on the bridges saw the car hurled into the water and gave the alarm. Many of them hurried to the scene of the accident, climbing down a treacherous path to the water's edge nearly 200 feet below the level of the bridge flooring. The guardsmen were the first on the scene of the accident, and immediately set about the work of rescue. Firemen, police and other soldiers arrived soon after. With ropes about their waists the men worked in the swift current, taking injured and dead from the wreckage, passing them to other workers on the shore. The floor of the car was cut away in many places to enable the rescuers to reach dead or injured.

The supports of the roof on the forward part of the car had been crushed by the impact of the rocks in the river bottom, throwing the seats together. This pinned many of the passengers below the surface of the water, and it was in this part of the car that most of the fatalities occurred. "I believe at least half a dozen bodies were carried down the river to the whirlpool," said one of the soldiers who was taken to a hospital to recover from exhaustion. "When I was running down the railroad tracks I saw out in the stream what seemed to me to be two arms raised above the surface. Ten feet away from them I am sure I saw the bright color of a woman's dress near the surface, and still further down a

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THE UP-YUNG PAVEMENT

A Delegation to Ask Mayor Church to Cable King George to Help Out.

Ald. Dick Baker, Colonel Dimnick, Tom Humble, Sam Douglas, Jack Anderson, F. B. Robins, Nicholas Garland, Lang Loy, James Kirkwood, William Maguire, and other North Toronto dignitaries are to ride in the Dominion Day procession this morning in recognition of King George's patriotic act of putting down two fine pavements in North Toronto, one to the east, to the Leaside aviation field; the other to the west by DeLoraine avenue to the aviation field in Ridley Park.

FRENCH CORRESPONDENT KILLED BY RIFLE FIRE

Serge Basset, Attached to British Armies, Had Distinguished Career.

British Army Headquarters in France, June 30.—(By the Associated Press correspondent.)—Serge Basset, a distinguished French war correspondent attached to the British armies, was killed yesterday by rifle fire while watching the fighting about the Lens salient. Although several correspondents have been wounded, Serge Basset is the first journalist to be killed in the field during the present war. He had been awarded the Legion of Honor for literary and dramatic work. He will be buried tomorrow with military honors.

EXPULSED GREEKS ARE NOW AT FRENCH PORT

Gounaris, Dousmanis, Metaxas and Mercouris Included in Party.

Ajaccio, France, June 30.—A party of prominent Greeks, expelled from Athens thru the joint action of France, Great Britain and Russia, has arrived here aboard the steamer Vasilets Constantinos. The party is comprised of Demetrios Gounaris, formerly minister of justice in the Zaimis Cabinet; Gen. Dousmanis; Col. Metaxas and M. Mercouris and twenty-five other deported persons.

The prefect and the naval authorities went aboard the vessel as soon as it arrived. All the Greeks will be brought ashore and distributed among the different hotels of the city.

CANADIANS PENETRATE UPPER AVION VILLAGE

British Troops Advance Seven Hundred Yards From Reservoir Hill—Fierce Battle Proceeds Between Rival Infantrymen.

By Stewart Lyon.
Canadian Headquarters in France, Sunday, July 1, via London.—The drive south and west of Lens continues with unabated vigor. During the night our troops, operating in the region east of Reservoir Hill, supported by a cannonade of great intensity, pushed forward seven hundred yards beyond the point reached on Thursday. They encountered strong opposition, especially on the left flank, to the north of the city, and were unable to maintain the extreme point of their advance.

German counter-attacks continued this morning. Fighting was proceeding amid the ruins of houses and the front was under a bombardment of heavy guns, making the line difficult to locate or maintain. The battle was really a soldiers' one, in which the valor of small groups of men using bombs and bayonets decided the issue.

Press Post's Rearguard.
Where the Canadians are battling forward on the southwest the floods along the river resulting from the blocking of the channel with debris of blown-up bridges, slightly retarded the advance. Nevertheless our patrols are now well into the upper part of Avion and in close contact with the enemy's rearguard. In the lower end of Avion, which I was able to visit yesterday during a lull in the enemy's shelling, the destruction here has wrought is indescribable.

Celebrate Dominion Day.
Dominion Day was celebrated at noon today by a triple salvo from all the guns of the Canadian corps at the front. Just before noon hour the guns ceased to fire. Simultaneously at 12 o'clock, and again at two and four minutes past the hour, hundreds of guns from 15-pounders to the great siege pieces, the shells from which fell miles behind the German front, burst out in a mighty clamor.

There were special Dominion services at various points behind the lines. At the corps headquarters the corps commander and his staff attended. The sermon, preached by a distinguished bishop, had special reference to the jubilee of confederation, and to the great part taken in the war by the men of the overseas dominions.