

Canadians on Outskirts of Lens

Canadian Headquarters in France, via London, June 28.—(By Stewart Lyon, Special Correspondent of the Canadian Press)—Fighting their way forward, amid a labyrinth of ruined houses over which the smoke of battle hung densely, the Canadians at sundown tonight were more than half way through Avion. The attack, which was the second in twenty-four hours, was made in conjunction with the British troops, all of whom reached their objectives.

On the north, our hold upon Reservoir Hill was made absolute by the gallant advance of the British soldiers, who went forward without check, despite heavy enemy shelling.

Canadian Army Headquarters, June 28.—(By Stewart Lyon, Canadian Press correspondent in France)—A further phase of the long struggle for the recovery of Lens was reached early this (Thursday) morning, when the enemy's front line protecting Avion, a suburb of the city, was captured by storming waves which went forward under the protection of a concentration of artillery fire on the part of Avion immediately behind the German line.

The assaulting troops were composed of men from British Columbia, Manitoba, central Ontario and Nova Scotia. By this morning's advance the British line has been carried forward to within a mile of the centre of Lens.

When this despatch was sent, few Germans were left on this part of the line. On the extreme left of the two mile front along which the attack was made, the Nova Scotians pushed their way up the Lens-Arras road to the village of Leauvette. Here they came into contact with the enemy and took a number of prisoners.

Elt Ditt Leauvette is located half a mile beyond Lievin, where some time ago the Germans made a desperate stand against the British advance. Avion, where the Canadians last week made some brilliant advances, is about three-quarters of a mile due south of Lens, and about the same distance southeast of Fleu Ditt Leauvette. Lens is practically encircled on three sides now.

Test Case Over Invalid Wine

What will, in all probability, assume the nature of a test case, was continued before Magistrate Ritchie yesterday afternoon in the police court, when the case of George A. Cameron, licensed druggist and local dispenser of liquor on prescription, charged with selling a bottle of invalid port, without a prescription, was continued. G. H. V. Belyea appeared for the defence and J. A. Sinclair represented the crown. Rev. W. D. Wilson, chief inspector, and Sub-inspector Crawford also being present during the proceedings.

The events which led up to the placing of the complaint against Mr. Cameron were referred to the effect that a soldier had been arrested recently for drunkenness, that he had pleaded guilty and had been fined \$8, and that he had said that he had become intoxicated through drinking a bottle of Wilson's Invalid Port, which he had purchased from the defendant along with another soldier who also purchased a bottle, neither of them having a prescription. Following the statement of the soldier who had been arrested the complaint was laid against the defendant.

Mr. Cameron on Stand. In the police court, yesterday afternoon, the defence called Mr. Cameron to the stand. A bottle bearing the label of the L. A. Wilson Co., of Montreal, was produced in court. The defendant said that he carried such goods in stock, they being registered as a patent medicine and, such being the case, he had not had any hesitation in selling it as a tonic, not as a beverage.

J. Benson Mahoney was next called to the stand by the defence. He said that he was a registered druggist and had been in business for thirteen years. With respect to the wine in question the witness said that it was for sale in every drug store in the city, that it was a registered patent medicine and was sold and handled as such. One of its components is cinchona bark, and as it must have something to preserve it in solution to prevent it rotting, alcohol was a necessary part of the tonic.

Mr. Belyea asked the court for an adjournment so that he might call some doctors to the stand as to the properties of the wine in question.

Really a Test. His honor remarked that he could not see what could be gained by submitting such evidence. Supposing that the evidence which these doctors would give was all admitted beforehand, what bearing would it have on the case. The only question before the court, he said, was whether, in view of the present prohibition act in New Brunswick, such a wine can be sold otherwise than as a liquor.

Mr. Belyea said that it seemed as if the case would assume the nature of a test case and he therefore wished to have all the facts possible submitted to the court before he rested his case.

"In law can they sell this?" his honor asked. "It all comes down to that point." His honor continued that if druggists can sell invalid port, why not invalid whiskey or invalid brandy, or any kind of invalid liquor. "We have a drastic law and all kinds of attempts are being made to get around it," he said.

Mr. Belyea submitted that this is not a case of attempting to get around the law.

The case was adjourned until next Thursday afternoon at a date to be fixed as between counsel and, at the next hearing, argument will be heard.

Was Drowned In Unsafe Meter Box

The inquiry into the death of little Ronald Totten, whose disappearance created such intense interest here, was held last night and the jury, after finding that death was due to drowning in a meter vault owned by the city in Old Dorchester street, "considered the said meter box to be absolutely unsafe and dangerous to the public and recommends that the commissioner of water and sewerage have all such meter boxes inspected monthly or oftener."

The inquiry was held before Dr. F. L. Kenney, coroner, at the court house. The following gave evidence: Frank J. Totten, father of the drowned boy, Robert Gilliland, Dr. F. T. Dunlop, Thomas Ogler, Commissioner Wigmore and Andrew Martin, inspector of meters.

Dr. Dunlop, who held a post mortem, felt absolutely satisfied that death resulted from drowning and the condition of the body showed that it may have been there since Sunday, June 17, when the boy disappeared. The evidence of Mr. Totten and Mr. Gilliland established that the body was found in the vault and Mr. Ogler stated that on the Sunday afternoon when the child disappeared he found two planks off the vault.

Excursion from Amherst. A combined church picnic of the members of St. Philip's and brother churches from Amherst, was held yesterday afternoon on the Barrack green. The party consisted of about 350 per-

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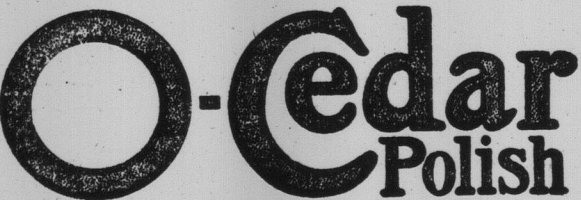
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