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CANADIANS ARE NOW IN LENS

Town is Entered on South and Northwest Boundaries, While Hand-to-Hand Fighting Continues for Possession of the Heart of the City—British and Italians Make Gains.

INVERNESS COPSE IS TAKEN BY BRITISH WITH BAYONETS

Place Was So Strongly Fortified That No One Dared to Predict Success of Attack.

Severest Air Fights of the War Are Won by British Flying Men

Twelve German Machines Brought Down and Six Others Put Out of Control in One Day.

London, August 23.—Regarding the air fighting, the British official report says: "During the past week the fighting in the air has been incessant and more severe than at other similar periods since the beginning of the war. Yesterday the activity of the enemy's aircraft was less marked and his pilots appeared disinclined to engage when close up to the lines."



EARL GREY NEAR DEATH. Canadian Associated Press Cable. London, Aug. 23.—Earl Grey is weaker and his condition causes the gravest anxiety.

CANADIANS STRENGTHEN LINE THAT IS TIGHTENING ON LENS BY TAKING GREEN CRASSIER

Manitoba Battalion, in Attack Preceded by Protracted and Exceedingly Intense Bombardment, Takes Important Buffer Between Canadians and Defences of City Proper.

Ottawa, Ont., August 23.—Sir Edward Kemp has sent the following cable to Lieut.-Gen. Sir Arthur Currie: "On behalf of all ranks of our military forces in Canada I desire to extend to you and to the officers and men under your command warmest congratulations upon the splendid manner in which Canadian troops have conducted themselves during the fighting around Lens in defeating the pick of the German army against heavy odds, and steadfastly holding gains made in the face of desperate and repeated counter-attacks. Canada is prouder than ever of her gallant sons who have so bravely and determinedly maintained her honor. We mourn with you the loss of many brave comrades."

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ANOTHER SLICE BITTEN OFF BY THE BRITISH IN BELGIUM

All Gains Have Been Maintained and Slight Additions Made, Despite Violent German Counter-Attacks.

London, Aug. 23.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa agency)—The correspondent at British army headquarters, telegraphing today, says: "All yesterday's gains have been maintained in Flanders, and even added to, in spite of violent German artillery firing and counter-attacks. The advantage of yesterday's success is greater than the advance of a few hundred yards suggests, for we are now fighting for the high ground dominating the whole tactical position in northern Belgium, and we have now bitten off another slice. The greatest latitude of the ridge is towards the east of Inverness Copse, whence it trends northeast. Naturally the enemy is concentrating his utmost to retain this commanding position, hence the bitter fighting."

G. T. P. WILL FORM PART OF GOVERNMENT OWNED SYSTEM

Announcing Public Ownership Policy, Sir Thomas White States Intention to Acquire Line and Operate National Road From Halifax to Prince Rupert—Liberals Critical.

Ottawa, Aug. 23.—Stung by the campaign being carried on against the Canadian Northern Railway, Sir Thomas White boldly stated in the house of commons this afternoon that the issue was public ownership. No sooner had the house gotten into committee on the Canadian Northern bill than Liberal members began to quote from The Montreal Gazette, and the protest carried in that paper this morning, signed by many leading capitalists of Montreal. These capitalists are mainly identified with the big financial group which includes the Canadian Pacific Railway Company and the Bank of Montreal, and Sir Thomas lost no time in re-stating with considerable force and vigor the position of the government.

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MAY WIN VICTORY OF FIRST CLASS

Italian Advance Promises Developments of Premier Magnitude.

VERDUN DRIVE EASY

German Had Weakened Line by Withdrawals to Fight British.

London, Aug. 23.—Major-General Maurice in an interview at the war office with the Associated Press today, said: "The withdrawal of German reserves from the French front undoubtedly made the French Verdun push easier, and this was naturally one of the things taken into account by the allies. The French attack at Verdun, I may say, is being carried out according to the same methodical plans as ours in the north. In their first attack they gained about three-fourths of their objectives, leaving the other one-fourth to be cleaned up later by localized operations."

TOT RUNS IN FRONT OF BROTHER'S TARGET

Little Girl Shot Thru Head During Children's Rifle Practice at Beaverton.

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THEIR MAJESTIES VISIT HOSPITAL

London, Aug. 23.—The King and Queen, attended by the Countess of Shaftesbury and Commander Sir Charles Cust, R.N., visited the Canadian Red Cross Hospital at Cliveden and Tapscott Thursday afternoon.

NEW ENGLISH FELTS

A recently arrived shipment of English hard and soft felt hats for men has been received at Dineen's. Soft wool felts for \$2.45—a superior made in London, but regularly worn \$2.50. Christy's celebrated hard felts, new fall styles, \$2.45. Dineen's, 140 Yonge street.

Heavy Losses Follow Vain Counter-Attacks

German Still Are Fiercely Disputing Possession of Ground Won by Canadians

London, Aug. 23.—The official report from British headquarters in France describes heavy fighting about Lens, where the Canadian troops have gained a foothold on a strong enemy strategic point south of Lens. The text of the statement reads: "Heavy local fighting has taken place all day for the possession of an important enemy stronghold immediately south of Lens, known as the Green Crassier. Our troops gained a footing on the spoil heap early this morning, and have since been off several counter-attacks, in which the enemy suffered heavy losses, both from our artillery and in hand-to-hand fighting. Possession of the position still being fiercely disputed. A hostile attack upon one of the fortified farms captured by us yesterday, was repulsed by our machine gun fire. "We have advanced slightly to the northeast of Langemark."

SCREW TURNS AGAIN

Canadians Open Way Towards Heart of City. Canadian Army Headquarters, Aug. 23.—Another turn of the screw was made this morning on the southwest front of Lens. At 3 o'clock, after a short but intense bombardment, the Manitoba troops attacked the green crassier, huge heap, or pile, of refuse on the north banks of the Souchez River, by which our advance into Lens from the south was barred. The Fosse St. Louis, which consists of a tangle of pit hand machinery, shot to pieces by many bombardments, was also attacked. On a front of about 700 yards the Manitobans went forward from 200 to 400 yards and opened the way towards the heart of the city on the south, as the other advances of the day proceeded toward realization of their objectives."

FURTHER ITALIAN GAINS IN FURIOUS BATTLES

Sixteen Thousand Prisoners Mark Progress of Allies—Both Wings Fight Way Forward Towards Important Goals.

Rome, Aug. 23.—Furious fighting continues on the Isonzo front. The war office announces further gains for the Italians on both the northern and southern wings. Austrian counter-attacks of redoubled intensity are being beaten back by the Italians. Following is the official announcement: "On the fourth day of the battle on the Julian front we again made considerable progress on the northern wing of the line and obtained new successes on the southern wing. The enemy is reacting strongly against our pressure, and redoubling his counter-offensives. Our troops are repulsing his counter-attacks from the positions captured, and are gallantly proceeding toward realization of their objectives."

MANY GUNS USED

Large Concentration by Enemy Against Canadians. London, Aug. 23.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters telegraphs today: "Beginning at 3 o'clock this morning a small force achieved quite a success. The Boches had been relying upon the flooded district southwest of Lens to assure them against attack from this direction. Sweeping around from Pustulstines the Canadian troops got across the river, deploying and pushing on along a front of about 100 yards. There was stiff fighting about Green Crassier, a great slag heap full of machine gun posts and dugouts. The (Concluded on Page 5, Column 8).

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