

TEUTON ARMY GRADUALLY LOSING HOLD ON LENS

THE CANADIANS ADVANCE ON TOWN OF LA COULOTTE

Occupy Strong Outpost in Defence of Lens—Signal Success for British Arms with Relatively Slight Loss.

(By Stewart Lyon, correspondent of the Canadian Press)—Canadian Army Headquarters in France June 26.—The Canadians have occupied the strongest outpost in the defence of Lens and have advanced on La Coulotte.

The unceasing pressure to which the enemy in Souchez Valley has been subjected during the last few weeks has brought signal success to the British arms with relatively slight loss.

Early yesterday afternoon an unusual movement within the enemy lines indicated that he was retiring, while at the same time aerial observers brought back the news that the cross roads and street intersections west of the German lines had been mined. Craters were seen by them at several of these cross roads. At once the patrols were pushed out and early in the morning occupied the enemy trench at the foot of Reservoir Hill. They reached the summit of the hill without opposition and pushed down the eastern slope. Strong posts were established and the strong Lens outpost was effectively occupied.

Are Losing Hold on Lens.

Meanwhile to the south of the Souchez River we pushed forward on the heels of the retreating enemy. Railway embankments to the east of the Lens electric station were occupied. The advance was then continued towards La Coulotte. As night fell strong par-

ties were sent out to consolidate the positions occupied and patrols were pushed out with the object of keeping in touch with the enemy.

Several days ago the enemy was known to be destroying houses in the western part of Lens with the object of getting a wider area of fire for his guns. That may indicate his intention of clinging to the eastern side of the city and prolonging the struggles by house to house fighting.

Heavy artillery fire was directed last night upon all roads eastwards of Lens and Avion by which troops and guns could be moved back. On the extreme south exploratory patrols met with heavy opposition.

French Activity.

General Petain has resumed his dashing operations on the Aisne front and today reports a brilliant success for his troops in a surprise attack northwest of Hurbise. The entire first line of the strong German position there was carried and held against counter-attacks. The Germans were badly cut up, besides losing more than 300 men in prisoners.

Brilliant French Attack.

Paris, June 26.—The French made a surprise attack northwest of Hurbise last night, after brief artillery preparations. The war office announced the capture of the entire first line German trenches, which were held against desperate counter-attacks. More than 300 prisoners were taken.

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING YESTERDAY

City Asked to Grant Fixed Assessment for Period of Years on Strait Shore Property—Company Prepared to Spend \$200,000 on Ship-building Plant.

At the meeting of the common council yesterday a letter was read from D. A. Baker, advising the city that a company had been formed which had purchased the Warner Mill property on Strait Shore and were prepared to spend \$200,000 in establishing a shipbuilding plant if the city would grant a fixed assessment for a period of years. The chairman of the Board of Assessors reported that the banks were refusing to pay about \$4,000 of the patriotic tax and the action of the committee in giving Commissioner McLellan power to spend whatever sum might be necessary to bring the slayer of Robert Harris to justice was approved. The engagement of the City Cornet Band for a patriotic concert on the King Square on July 2nd was authorized, and it was decided to hold a special meeting of the council this morning to hear Mr. Baker.

Commissioner McLellan, announced that he had been offered 150 tons of broken coal but did not feel like ordering without calling for tenders, and moved that all departments call for tenders for coal and store it. This carried. Commissioner McLellan was authorized to accept a bond from the contractors who did the paving on Market streets and to pay them the balance due on the contract. It was decided to take up the coming rates at Thursday's meeting.

ANDOVER

Andover, June 26.—Miss Woodworth, who has spent several months here, left on Monday for St. John where she has accepted a position with the N. B. Telephone Co. Misses Annie and Jennie Watson spent the week-end with relatives in Grand Falls.

Mr. Wilmut Curry was home from Edmonston for a few days the past week. Mr. George Bell and Charles Howard were in Grand Falls the past week. Mr. Frank Stevens of St. John was the guest of his mother, Mrs. Alfred Stevens for the week.

Mrs. Stephen P. Waite has returned from St. Stephen where she was a delegate to the Presbyterian. Mr. Stephen was the guest of Miss Grace Stevens.

Mrs. R. B. M. Wiley was the guest of Mrs. Richardson, St. Stephen, during the Presbyterian.

Mrs. Wm. Gaudin was the guest of Mrs. Harry Tibbitts the past week. Mr. John Lynch spent a few days the past week in Grand Falls.

Mr. Frank Howard and Mr. A. B. North of Canning, N. S., were visiting relatives in Upper Kent recently.

Mr. Guy Porter went to Grand Falls Friday.

Rev. A. T. Macdonald, who was a guest at Mr. William Curry's, left on Thursday for St. John. Mr. Macdonald made many friends here during his residence here a few years ago, who were pleased to welcome him.

Mrs. Ralph Eastbrook on last Friday evening gave a delightful shower for Miss Eweylin Inman. Among the guests were Mrs. Guy Porter, Misses Mabel Hallett, Sylvia Cronkite, Jennie Davidson, Helen Woodland, Lucinda Wirberly, Grace and Gertrude McPhail, Nellie Ingraham, Millicent Inman, Elizabeth Wallace, Grace Tompkins and Evelyn Inman.

Last Monday Miss Bessie Kilburn was hostess at a small tea in honor of Mrs. J. D. MacLaughlin and daughter, Mary, of Red Rapids, are visiting relatives for a short time.

Mrs. Gertrude Tibbitts, who has spent several weeks visiting relatives and friends at French, Conn., and Ottawa, has returned home.

Mrs. A. R. Tibbitts and son James, of Ottawa, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tibbitts.

Miss Emma Miller has returned from River de Chute and is the guest of Mrs. S. P. Waite.

Mrs. Dexter Sadler, who has been visiting her father, Mrs. George Baird, has returned to her home at Long Island.

Rev. Charles Flemington returned home from Moncton on Thursday. Dr. McQuig, Macadam, was in town the past week.

SALISBURY.

Salisbury, June 26.—Relatives and friends here learned with deep regret that Gunner John A. Wheaton, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Wheaton of St. John, had made the supreme sacrifice. Gunner Wheaton was born in Salisbury where he spent his school days.

Mrs. Hazen Polkins of Hampton returned home on Monday after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Taylor.

Mr. George Crowson, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lockhart, Moncton; Mrs. Gordon Rosewell and son, of Dorchester, Mass., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Brown on Sunday.

Friends of Mrs. Walton Wortman, who has been seriously ill, will be glad to learn she is improving.

Mr. C. D. Buck, of Picton, was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Barnes.

Miss Amy Wheaton, Boston, has returned after spending a few weeks at her home here.

Mrs. Irvine Lewis received word on Friday that her husband, Private Irvine Lewis had been slightly wounded.

Mrs. Fred Bent was visiting friends in Moncton on Saturday.

Mrs. John B. Milne has returned home after spending several weeks with her daughter in Portland.

Rev. N. A. McNeill attended the district meeting in Pettitodiac last week. Miss Annie Collier is visiting in St. John the guest of Mrs. Robert Hastings.

Miss Gertrude Hamilton is spending a few days the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Taylor.

Master Thornton Lewis celebrated his 8th birthday on Monday by entertaining fourteen of his young friends.

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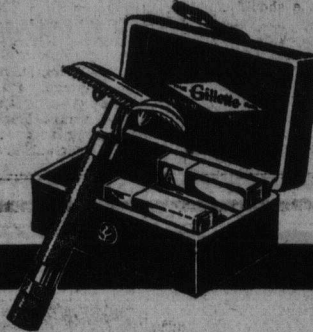
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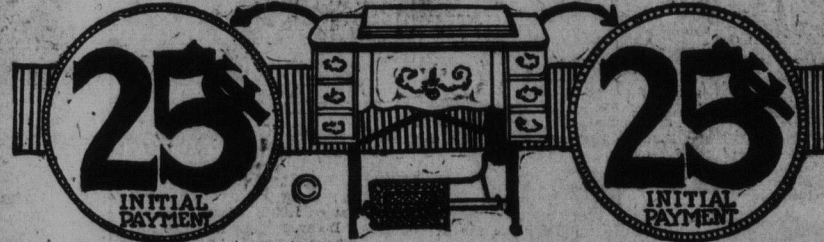
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