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Germans Make Slight Gains Two Fresh Regions.

LOSE OCNA HEIGHT

Hold Ground With Stronger Defence.

London, Aug. 15. — Fighting in southwest Moldavia apparently is lessening in intensity. In the moun- 1916.

"Western, front—Fusillades were more animated in the direction of Vilna and Tarnopol.

"Rumanian front—In the direction of Ocna the battles continued with less intensity. The enemy, after a series of attacks succeeded in occupying one of the heights seven versts west of Ocna.

"An enemy attack in the region of the valley of the River Casinului was repuised by the Rumanians.

"In the direction of Fokshani the enemy yesterday made no attack.

"In the region of Kredcheni the enemy launched an energetic attack against our positions, but after penetrating a portion of our trenches he was driven out again by a counterattack and the situation was restored. "Caucasian front-There were fusil-

Austro-German forces in the low-lands of the Sereth River, on the Rumanian front yesterday stormed the bridgehead at Baltaretu, on the west bank of the river, according to the official statement. The Rus-sians and Rumanians lost more than 3,000 prisoners. Troops under Field Marshal von Mackensen are pursuing the retreating Russo-Rumanian forces in the mountain land on both sides of the River Putna. The Teutons yesterday captured Stracani, north-

west of Pantziu. The general staff reports that the Russians and Rumanians attempted to cover the retreat of a wing of the second Rumanian army, and the tourth Russian army. The Austro-German troops have pushed forward beyond Soveja.

## **SERIOUS CLASH** IN BARCELONA

Artillery Fire Directed on House in Which Revolutionaries Are Concealed.

Madrid, Aug. 15.-Premier Dato at noon today announced that artillery had been used in Barcelona against a house in the Pazeo de Gracia, from which hidden revolutionaries had fired upon and killed Captain Justo Fernandez and wounded three soldiers. The house was demolished and a number National Volunteers and the branches of its inmates were killed or wound-

Artillery also was used at Sabadell, in Catalonia, ten miles northwest were killed and three wounded and a large number of strikers were killed or wounded in the fighting. forcements have been sent to Saba-

Premier Dato said the general strike had been a failure, since the revolutionaries had been unable to bring about the paralysis of any pubservice. The government was confident, he said, of the support of public opinion, and he believed order would be rapidly restored.

## PILE UP IN STORAGE

Sensational O'Connor Report Shows Big Increase in Quantities of Butter, Eggs, Cheese and Beef Held---Holdings of Bacon Decrease Forty Per Cent.

By a Staff Reporter.

TTAWA, Aug. 15.—"There is evidence of accumulation of butter, eggs, cheese and beef," says W. F. O'Connor, K.C., cost of living commissioner, in his monthly report. The quantity of butter now in storage exceeds by 40 per cent., of eggs exceeds by 31 per cent., of cheese exceeds by 29 per cent. and of beef exceeds by 50 per cent. that reported as held on August 1 last year.

In view of orders by the food controller made effective today and the Allies Generally Contrive to general situation regarding the price of food commodities, this new report

by Mr. O'Connor has caused a profound sensation.

The cost of living commissioner goes on to say: "The returns for 1917 cover a few more firms than those of 1916, but this fact merely detracts from the proportion of the increase in accumulation. It is stated that the accumulation is to respond to orders for export trade. The quantity of pork held is normal compared with August 1st, 1916, figures. There is a 40 per cent. decrease in the holdings of bacon as compared with August,

gram---Vote is Deferred.

Ottawa, Aug. 15 .- A vigorous vindi-

ation and defence of public owner-

ship was made in the house of com-

mons today by Mr. W. F. Maclean

(South York) in the course of the de-

bate upon the Canadian Northern bill.

Mr. Maclean congratulated the gov-

ernment upon adding nearly 10,000

miles of railway to the government

railway system, and believed that this

progressive step heralded the way to

nationalization of all the railways of

Canada. He pointed out that a uni-

fied railway system under national

control would do away with unneces-

sary duplication of construction and

service, and would set up the ideal

of public welfare as opposed to pri-

vate profits. He also pointed out that

government ownership of railways

should be accompanied by their elec-

trification, and public ownership of

the great water powers that were so

abundant in Canada. The appointment

Belfast, Aug. 15 .- Police today raid-

ed the headquarters here of the Irish

of that organization at various places

in North Ulster A quantity of rifles

RUN CVER BY MOTOR.

Ben. Friedman, 63 Leonard street, sus

tained injuries to the stomach when run

over by a motor car driven by Christophe Opperman, 100 Lake Front, Kew Beach

on West Richmond street, last night. He

was removed to the Western Hospital,

but the extent of his injuries are not

l yet known.

SEIZED IN BELFAST

NUMBER OF RIFLES

ACQUISITION OF C.N.R.

southwest Moldavia apparently is lessenting in intensity. In the mountains the Russians and Rumaniane have given up a height west of Ocean to the Austro-Germans. In the Putina Valley and toward the line of the Sereth, Berlin reports Field Marshal von Mackensen has made some progress, capturing the Town of Straceani. Three thousand prisoners, guna and machine guns have been Captured by the Austro-Germans in the Moldavian theatre. Around Folsshant there has been no fightling, but southeast along the Sereth, the Teutons have stormed the bridgehead at Baltaretu.

A Petrograd despatch says: Austro-German front, says today's official statement, issued by the Russian trenches in the Russian war department. The Teutons by an energetic attack, generated the Russian war department. The Teutons by an energetic attack, generated the Russian war department. The Teutons by an energetic attack, generated the Russian trenches in the region of Kredcheni, but later were driven out by a counter-attack. The text of the statement reads:

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"The returns are from 35 per cent. should be added to represent the guantity of any commodity in Canada, about 10 per cent. should be added to represent the quantities held by the firms whose reports have been delayed and to over one million pounds."

A per cent. J. 1917. Mr.

A petrograd despatch says: Austro-German forces after a series of battles series and the same and the sam

of Sir William Meredith to be the government arbitrator was, in Mr. Maclean's opinion, sufficient guarantee that the award would be fair and

Lemieux's Bitter Charge,

would be reached tonight upon the Graham amendment, but at midnight

of whom assailed the government's policy in the most vigorous manner. Mr. Lemieux charged an all round conspiracy in which practically all the newspapers of Canada were involved

efficiently operated by the gov

(Continued on Page 2, Col. 5).

BIG GAIN TO PUBLIC

ization of All Canadian Railways---Lemieux Charges

Newspapers Conspire to Support Government Pro-

# AS DOMINION'S MEN CHARGE

### BRITISH TONNAGE SUNK SHOWS BIG DECREASE

Loss of Fourteen Vessels of More Than Sixteen Hundred Tons Compares With Twenty-one Sunk in the Previous Week.

London, August 15.—A falling off in British tonnage sunk last week by mines or submarines is indicated in the weekly admiralty statement made public tonight. Fourteen vessels of 1600 tons and over were sent to the bottom, as against 21 the previous week. Two vessels of less than 1600 tons were sunk last week, the same number reported the previous week. Three fishing boats met with disaster last week.

The admiralty statement follows:

"Arrivals, of all nationalities, 2776; sailings, 2666.

"British merchantmen sunk by mines or submarines over 1600 tons, including one previously, 14; under 1600 tons, including one previously, two.

"British merchantmen unsuccessfully attacked, including five previ-

# A short way to the north, between St. Laurent and Lens, the enemy recovered a portion of a line of reserve trench, the possession of which lessens for the moment our pressure from the north. Artillery and machine gun experts have just told me that the enemy position is an impossible one, and that if he cannot drive us off Hill 70 he will have to get out of Lens. Our casualties can now be

British Barrage Proves Flawless as Men Proceed to Objectives---First Stage of Charge Lasts Ninety-Three Minutes.

Lens, the attackers were at close rival of the moment which would sumgrips with the Germans in the western part of Lens late today.

The attack began at 4,25 o'clock, F. Maclean, M.P., Believes Step Heralds National- just as the first grey streaks of dawn were appearing. All night, the British big guns had been pouring a steady stream of high explosive shells into the German positions, great de-

and stunned the senses.

Then, a short time before the hour of offensive arrived, the batteries ab-

Hurricane of Shelling. Suddenly, ten minutes before the time set for the attack, every British gun within range broke out with a hurricane of shelling and solid lines of crimson lightning beliched from the German trenches as the explosives broke about them. To this lurid pic-ture was added the unforgettable spec-tacle of the burning oil which the Brit tonations overlapping one another like the rapid crackling of machine gun fire and swelling into a mighty volume of thunder that shook the earth Great clouds of pinkish colored smoke rolled across country from the flam-

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### MERE BOYS COMPRISE It had been expected that a vote BULK OF HUNS TAKEN R. B. Bennett of Calgary moved the adjournment of the debate. He was preceded by E. M. Macdonald of Pictou and Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, both

Germans Flee Thru Barrage, or Stop Only to Surrender to Canadians-Struggle Extends Southward of Lens.

newspapers of Canada were involved to hold up the government. If we had a free press, he said, there would be something like a revolution.

The day's debate was resumed by W. S. Middlebro, Conservative member for North Grey, who defended the policy of the government but doubted if the road could be as cheaply or as estimately operated by the government. London, Aug. 15.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—Reuter's correspondent at British army headquarters, telegraphing this effective for the purpose of surrenders. graphing this afternoon, says:
"General Currie's splendid Canadian as by a private corporation. He was followed by Judge Mackenzie, Liberal member for North Cape Breton, who

ing. The enemy was completely de-moralized by the cascades of fire "General Currie's splendid Canadian troops, by a terrific attack this morning, added a brilliant page to the history of the war. What adds lustre to the Canadian victory is that the Germans were completely ready for the battle and nowise surprised at the attack. A prisoner officer states that they were told when the attack would be delivered within half an hour of its consisted of a sweep southeastward from Bois Hugo to Lens, and it declarates of the very large proportion of the capture of the variety of the va troops, by a terrific attack this morning, added a brilliant page to the his oil drums emitted their contents. tory of the war. What adds lustre to the Canadian victory is that the Germans were completely ready for the battle and nowise surprised at the attack. A prisoner office of the serious problem which the man-power question is presenting to Germans.

"A very large proportion of the captives are mere boys, which testifies to the serious problem which the man-power question is presenting to Germans.

conference scheme has been definitely wrecked.

SUMMER TRAVELING HATS.

Hats for travel by rail, boat or motor: also traveling ulsters, linen dusters and rugs. These all belong to the summer stock at Dineen's, that is being cleared off to make room for fall goods. Dineen's, 140 Yonge street.

British barrage roared forth a perfect cataclysm of sound. The infantry began the advance at 4.25 a.m. The fighting has been from the railway embankment north of Cite St. Laurent, and the boiling oil treatment cleared the Huns. to 700 yards south. The German airmen were more venturesome than usual, but ours chased them everywhere over the battle ground. Tanks were not used, the fall goods. Dineen's, 140 Yonge street.

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German Positions Before Loos Speedily Yield to Assault-Among Points Captured Are Famous Hill Seventy, Key of Lens, Three Villages, Two Woods—Troops Come to Close Grips With Germans in Lens Proper.

By Stewart Lyon.

Canadian Headquarters in France, Wednesday Evening, Aug. 15, via
London.—The Germans are now fighting with great tenacity to retain their

Lendon.—The Germans are now fighting with great tenacity to retain their hold on the central portion of Lens. Thruout the day they have been bringing up fresh troops with which to carry on counter-attacks.

The original force with which our assault was met was pretty well accounted for by the attacking forces. It consisted of two battalions of the 165th Regiment, two of the 26th, two of the 156th, and one of the 293rd. German regiments consist of three battalions each, and after the battalions of the three first mentioned regiments holding the trenches had been put out of action, the reserve battalions were moved up hurriedly. At 9 o'clock, while headed toward Hill 70, these battalions were caught under our artillery fire and dispersed.

at 9 o'clock, while headed toward Hill 10, these battatoth which had under our artillery fire and dispersed.

The enemy leaders next called upon the 4th Guard Division, which had been held on this part of the line for such an emergency as that which confronted the defenders of Lens. The Guards proceeded towards Bois Hugo with the evident intention of retaking Hill 70. They, too, were caught under our artillery and machine gun barrage and two attempts to advance had to be

London, Aug. 15.—With only slight casualties, Canadian troops fighting south and east of Loos, have captured German positions on a front of two miles, including Hill 70, a formidable defence work, according to the British official communication issued tonight. Five German counter-attacks were repulsed.

"This morning, Canadian troops stormed German positions south and east of Loos on a front of two miles. The formidable defenses on Hill 70, which resisted our attacks in the battle of Loos in September, 1915, and had since been improved and strengthened by every method and device known to

British Front in France and Belgium, August 15. — After the brilliant advance this morning, in which the Canadians captured Hill 70, and then swept on northwest of 100, and 1 the front attacked, our troops advanced as far as the western defenses of Cite St. August, penetrating the German positions to a depth of about a mile. Besides the elaborate series of trench lines and strong points forming the defenses of Hill 70, the Villages of Cite St. Elizabeth, Cite St. Emelie, and Cite St. Laurent, as well as the Base Wood and the western half of the Hugo Wood are now in our possession. All our objectives were

captured. Our casualties were slight.
"During the day, five hostile counter-attacks were repulsed by our infantry or broken up by our artillery. One of these was carried out by troops of a division of Prussian Guards. The enemy's losses both from our attack and his unsuccessful counter-attacks were heavy.
"The number of prisoners captured has not yet been ascertained, but

282, including fifteen officers, reached the collecting station this afternoon."

Great Air Activity.

"On the Ypres battle front a hostile attack against our positions in the neighborhood of the Pilkem-Langemarck road was repulsed completely.

"There was great activity in the air again yesterday and severe fighting took place, in the course of which nine German airplanes were brought down and five others driven down out of control. Seven of our machines are missing, two of which were overtaken in a violent storm while working

over the enemy's lines." DASH IS IRRESISTIBLE,

By Stewart Lyon. Canadian Headquarters in France, via London, Aug. 15 .- In the final phase of the battle of Lens, which was begun this morning at dawn, the Canadian troops from every part of the Dominion stormed Hill 70, the historic ground east of Loos, and also Cite St. Laurent, a mining village which forms the northerly suburb of Lens. A second successful assault, which had been arranged to take place after the capture of Hill 70 and St. Laurent, was launched at 8.30 a.m. on that part of the front to the west of

Save in the hard struggle to the east of Hill 70, our losses have been relatively small when the far-reaching effect of the victory gained is taken into account. A very large proportion of those hit have strappel wounds that are not serious. The entire attack was pushed home with irresistible dash, over ground that had been plowed with heavy shells by the Canadian gunners working to the limit of their endurance for over three

WRECKED BY BRITAIN

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London, Aug. 15.—According to an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Amsterdam the decision of the British government to refuse passports to delegate to the international Socialist conference at Stockholm has produced the deepset disappointment among the German Socialists. It is generally feared, the despatch says, that the conference scheme has been definitely wrecked.

SUMMER TRAVELING MATS

The prisoner officer states that they were told when the attack would be delivered within half an hour of its atomated within half an hour of its atomated within half an hour of its actual development. In many places, awaiting it, the enemy ran down a barrage within two minutes of the voloped with great success. The second from Bois Hugo to Lens, and it developed with great success. The second the attillerists point of the southeasterly movement, accompanied to refuse passports to delegate to the international Socialist of the benthardment.

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goal, but failed to hold the goal because of the terrific gunfire of the enemy. The hill remained within the German lines and from that time to this no effort had been spared to make its defence impregnable. its defence impregnable.

Long Upward Slope. Hill 70, as seen from our trenches was not really a hill, but a long up-

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