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FIGHT LESSENS IN RUMANIAN BATTLE ZONES

Germans Make Slight Gains in Two Fresh Regions.

LOSE OENA HEIGHT

Allies Generally Contrive to Hold Ground With Stronger Defence.

London, Aug. 15.—Fighting in southwest Moldavia apparently is lessening in intensity.

A Petrograd despatch says: Austro-German forces after a series of battles yesterday occupied the Russo-Rumanian positions on a height west of Oena.

"Western front"—Pushes were more animated in the direction of Ypres and Tarnopol.

"Rumanian front"—In the direction of Oena the fighting continued with less intensity.

"Caucasian front"—There were fatalities.

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 Pazo de Gracia.

Artillery also was used at Sabadell in Catalonia.

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PRODUCTS OF DAIRY 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. OTTAWA, 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 view of orders by the food controller made effective today and the 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.

In the preface of his statement as to the quantities of food held in cold storage on August 1, 1917, Mr. O'Connor says that the term "cold storage" is not used in a technical sense.

Convincing Figures. Eggs, 13,001,751 dozen; butter, 12,250,124 pounds; cheese, 19,919,692 pounds; pork, 13,367,531 pounds; bacon, 6,063,988 pounds; ham, 2,501,749 pounds; mutton, 215,468 pounds; beef, 8,018,772 pounds; mutton and lamb, 604,101 pounds; pickled beef, 1,396,913 pounds; pickled pork, 15,549,332 pounds; fowl, all kinds, 3,485,451 pounds; fish, all kinds, 13,992,170 pounds.

"The returns are from 96 per cent. of all cold storage companies in Canada," continues Mr. O'Connor. "To estimate the total quantity 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 cover goods in transit within Canada."

ACQUISITION OF C.N.R. BIG GAIN TO PUBLIC

W. F. Maclean, M.P., Believes Step Heralds Nationalization of All Canadian Railways—Lemieux Charges Newspapers Conspire to Support Government Program—Vote is Deferred.

By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, Aug. 15.—A vigorous vindication and defence of public ownership was made in the house of commons today by Mr. W. F. Maclean (South York) in the course of the debate upon the Canadian Northern bill.

Mr. Maclean congratulated the government upon adding nearly 10,000 miles of railway to the government railway system, and believed that this progressive step heralded the way to the nationalization of all the railways of Canada.

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 efficiently operated by the government as by a private corporation.

NUMBER OF RIFLES SEIZED IN BELFAST

Belfast, Aug. 15.—Police today raided the headquarters here of the Irish National Volunteers and the branches of that organization at various places in North Ulster. A quantity of rifles was seized.

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FORMIDABLE DEFENSES FALL 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.

Arrivals of all nationalities, 2718; sailings, 2686. British merchantmen sunk by mines or submarines over 1600 tons, including one previously, 14; under 1600 tons, including one previously, two.

TROOPS MAKE ADVANCE IN SILVERY MOONLIGHT

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

By R. J. Small, Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press. BRITISH FRONT IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM, Aug. 15.—After the brilliant advance this morning, in which the Canadians captured Hill 70, and then swept on northwest of Lens, the attackers were at close grips with the Germans in the western part of Lens late today.

The attack began at 4:25 o'clock, 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 detonations overlapping one another like the rapid crackling of machine gun fire and swelling into a mighty volume of thunder that shook the earth and stunned the senses.

MERE BOYS COMPRISE BULK OF HUNS TAKEN

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

London, Aug. 15.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—Reuter's correspondent at British army headquarters, telegraphing this afternoon, says: "General Currie's splendid Canadian troops, by a terrific attack this morning, added a brilliant page to the history of the war."

The first phase of the battle had consisted of a sweep southward from Bois Hugo to Lens, and developed with great success. The second phase involved a continuation of the southeasterly movement, accompanied by heavy pressure farther south. The struggle here continues, extending southward.

The correspondent, continuing his story of the battle, pays a high tribute to the indomitable spirit of the Canadians, who, in their own phrase, "have their tails in the air."

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.

Canadian Headquarters in France, Wednesday Evening, Aug. 15, via London.—The Germans are now fighting with great tenacity to retain their hold on the central portion of Lens. Throughout the day they have been bringing up fresh troops with which to carry on counter-attacks.

The original force with which our assault was made 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.

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 abandoned.

Hill 70 was not even seriously menaced during the remainder of the day. 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 spoken of as light. CASUALTIES SLIGHT. London, Aug. 15.—With only slight casualties, Canadian troops fighting south and east of Loos, have captured German positions on Hill 70, a formidable defence work, according to the British official communication issued tonight.

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

"After storming the enemy's first line trench system on the whole of the front attacked, our troops advanced as far as the western defences 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 defences of Hill 70, the Villages of Cite St. Elizabeth, Cite St. Emile, 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."

"On the Ypres battle front a hostile attack against our positions in the neighborhood of the Pilken-Langemarek road was repulsed completely. There was great activity in the air again yesterday and strong points formed 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 Lens."

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 were wounded rather than killed. 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 weeks.

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Long Upward Slope. Hill 70, seen from our trenches, was not really a hill, but a long upward slope.

Positions Amazingly Strong. The enemy, since the battle of Loos, in September, 1915, had held his positions with practically no change, except at the southern end, back about

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