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Official Report of the Canadian Advance

The official communication of the Canadian advance is as follows:

"Early this morning we attacked the line of German trenches which skirts Lens to the west and northwest and captured the enemy's positions on a front of 2000 yards. "Heavy fighting has taken place and still continues.

"At midday two strong counter-attacks northwest of Lens were beaten off by our troops, and a third counter-attack south of the town was broken up by our artillery. We have captured a number of prisoners."

LAURIER FAVORS UNION CABINET AND CONSCRIPTION OF WEALTH

ment Country's Ablest Men and Ask Britain How Best

By a Staff Reporter.
Ottawa, Ont., August 21.—The fol-

occasion stated that you are in this war to a finish, we appeal to you to co-operate by putting a definite limit on the time you desire for the continuation of voluntary enlistment and by stating the methods you wish to follow. We appeal to you also to

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Would Call to Govern- Unionist Government Now More in Sight Than Ever

Canada Can Aid Political Situation Grows More Interesting and Un-

torary secretary of the Win-the-War government is more in sight tonight But this did not work out and the I have the honor to acknowledge the uncertain by reason of what is taking feet, and apparently the convention have the honor to acknowledge the ipt of your favor of the 14th int. enclosing a resolution of Hambranch of the Win-the-War
use to which my attention is ded. The resolution addressed to ment and rumor that came from all
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But besides the general interest of But besides the general interest of the state that if this effort for volunteers should fail to produce the men for the necessary reinforcements of the forty you will agree to support conscription measures."

Deems it Duty.

I would have thought that my recorded utterances in and out of parliament would have left no one in doubt as to my opinion on the different inguists of the above resolution. But since there are some of my fellow-countrymen who express the wish for further explicit declaration I deem it my duty at once to comply with the request. At the opening of hostilities in the participation of Canada in support of Great Britain and her in stonic to the situation, what the correspondence to the situation on the situation, what the correspondence to the situation, what the correspondence to the situation on the situation, what the correspondence to the situation on the situation, what the correspondence to the situation on the situation, what the correspondence to bring the situation on testing the situation on the approved the participation of Canada in support of Great Britain and her allies. It seemed evident that even at that early moment the war was above all else a struggle, not only for the supremacy, but for the very existence of democracy, of civilization itself, and that further, he is still devoting all the manifest as events developed until even the American people, tho strongly adverse to war, had also to enter the conflict.

I stated that I fully tinct character. One charges indecision and associated himself with Sir Robert Borden in 1911 in opposing reciprocity and largely contributed toward the elevation of Sir Robert Borden to the position of prime minister of Canada as the Germans were always and as the Germans and Collection of the northwest of the elevation of Sir Robert Borden in 1911 in opposing reciprocity and largely contributed toward the elevation of Sir Robert Borden in 1911 in opposing reciprocity and largely contributed toward the elevation of Sir Robert Borden in 1911 in opposing reciprocity and largely contributed toward the elevation of Sir Robert Borden in 1911 in opposing reciprocity and largely contributed toward the elevation of Sir Robert Borden in 1911 in opposing reciprocity and largely contri wen the American people, the strongly adverse to war, had also to enter
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Clash at Dawn.
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at Winnipeg, during the session of that
Land just as the first gray streaks were paramount for Canada to parts with his minister in order to get convention, and have been carried on of day were appearing. From the reasons were paramount for Canada to exert her full strength to assist thru an intelligent organization and mobilination of all its resources.

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long ago definitely ascertain the scope ter of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in reply to today is that thru his assistance a er-thrusts. could be rendered by Canada for war a call from the Win-the-War Organi- number of the most prominent mem-

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Not Asked to Join Union.

Saskatche explain his inability to agree with the wan; T. A. Crerar, president of the mans of both proposals to form a coalition govern- United Grain Growers, Limited, with proposals to form a coalition govern- United Grain Growers, Limited, with of both fronts at an early hour. Mot Asked to Join Union.

I may observe that I never was apment on the terms and conditions head offices in Winnipeg; H. W. Wood, ZEPPELIN DESTROYED proached to join a union or na- which accompanied the otter. So that president of the public have two sets of corre- Alberta, turned up here in Ottawa on the public have two sets of corre- Alberta, turned up here in Ottawa on the public have two sets of corre- Alberta, turned up here in Ottawa on the public have two sets of correhed to join a union or na- which accompanied the offer. So that president of the United Farmers of wed would have been to dis-spondence to throw some light on what Sunday and renewed negotiations were cuss and frame a policy adapted to spondence to throw some light on what Sunday and renewed negotiations were cur national situation with the object is the greatest political crisis that has carried on here in the direction of a Falls Victim to British Naval

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Whilst willing and ready to make respondence and form their own opinion and ready to make the distinct line of serious errors, I am forced to state that in my judgment the administration of the distinct line of cleavage. The correspondence will be found elsewhere in The World.

To when he paid a visit to the west, going as far as Calgary and returning here to Ottawa just as the convention was opening in Winnipeg. He dians had penetrated their positions to a depth of several hundred yards of almost equal interest is the let
must have seen a lot of his friends and taken up new posts which while in the west, and the net result they are holding against bitter counta call from the Win-the-War Organi-zation of Canada to define his atti-bers of the Liberal party in the west, is drawn close about the city propincluding his brother, Hon. Arthur Sif- er, where the Germans had fortified branch of the Win-the-War League In this letter Sir Wilfrid sets out to ton, premier of Alberta, and J. A. Cal-the same conclusion, since there is implied a reproach that the same conclusion, make a distinct cleavage between him-der, the most active member of the No estimates there is implied a reproach that In this letter Sir Wilfrid sets out to ton, premier of Alberta, and J. A. Cal-themselves in concreted cellars and rallying all the forces of the na- come to Canada since confederation. unionist government. The conference was also attended by J. G. Turriff, who Third in importance to these two declared in the convention as a west-Third in importance to these two declared in the conscription, and by J. M. sets of correspondence, and perhaps of erner for conscription, and by J. M. sets of correspondence to both of Godfrey of Toronto, who was president the when he had already committing importance to both of been suggested, but rather deated in all his previous utter
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London, Aug. 21.—British light naval forces destroyed a zeppelin aiship this morning off the Jutland, Denmark, coast, says an official communication issued this evening. never been suggested, but rather de- den to form a union government, and by others, notably Hon. Arthur Meiprecated in all all his previous utterthe stage this movement has reached ghen, solicitor-general in the Borden Government, representing his chief.

Proportion of our fellow-citizens in all the provinces. Such an invitation I could not the policy had adopted by the administration my opinion was and still is, that the best four Liberal prime ministers of the four Liberal prime ministers of the correspondence with his chief, Sir Robert Borden, and subsequent to a large was repugnant to a large of our fellow-citizens in the Liberal convention held at Winnipeg was a bomb shell for everybody in Canadian politics. It fairly upset, for the time being, the efforts of the with his chief, Sir Robert Borden, and with his chief, Sir Robert Borden, and subsequent to a large was a large was a bomb shell for everybody in Canadian politics. It fairly upset, for the time being, the efforts of the with his chief, Sir Robert Borden, and subsequent to the correspondence with his chief, Sir Robert Borden, and subsequent to the correspondence with his chief, Sir Robert Borden, and subsequent to the correspondence with his chief, Sir Robert Borden, and subsequent to a large was a bomb shell for everybody in Canadian politics. It fairly upset, for the time being, the efforts of the with his chief, Sir Robert Borden, and subsequent to the correspondence with his chief, Sir Robert Borden, and subsequent to the correspondence with his chief, Sir Robert Borden, and subsequent to the correspondence with his chief, Sir Robert Borden, and subsequent to the correspondence with his chief, Sir Robert Borden, and subsequent to the correspondence with his chief, Sir Robert Borden, and subsequent to the correspondence with his chief, Sir Robert Borden, and subsequent to the correspondence with his chief, Sir Robert Borden, and subsequent to the correspondence with his chief, Sir Robert Borden, and subsequent to the correspondence with his chief, Sir Robert Borden, and subsequent to the correspondence with the correspondence with his chief, Sir Robert Borden, and subsequent to the correspondence with the correspondence with his chief, Sir Robert Borden, and subsequent to the correspondence with

the Men Are Near Their Goal.

ENEMY RALLY A FIASCO MANY PRISONERS TAKEN

With Bayonet Who Counter-Attacked.

By T. Small, Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press. British Front in France and Belgium, Aug. 21.—The flerce battle which be-gan at dawn today on the outskirts of the City of Lens, continued thruout the day at close quarters, and late this afternoon there was no diminu-tion in the intensity of the struggle between the attacking Canadians and

between the attacking Canadians and the Germans.

The Canadians this morning fought their way forward with bombs and bayonets and occupied important enemy defences northwest and southwest of the heart of the city, and since then the Germans have been sending in wave after wave of infantry in desperate counter-attacks. fantry in desperate counter-attacks.

The Canadians have held on strongly and the Germans have suffered very heavy casualties, as they must have expected from the nature of their counter thrust in which no thought is

Allies.

Political Situation Grows More Interesting and Uncertain, With Two Sets of Correspondence, Conferences and Rumors of Cabinet Changes

Complicating Things.

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Special to The Terento World.

Ottawa, Ont., August 21.—The following letter, which is in the nature a manifesto, has been sent by Sir third Laurier to Mr. Frank Wise, torary secretary of the Win-the-War special to The Toronto World.

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The communication adds that there veloped everywhere to our advantage, were no survivors from the crew of the On the left bank of the Meuse our

Battle Continued All Day, But Most Desperate Hand-to-Hand Sir Douglas Haig Sends Con- German Defences Are Pierced Fighting Follows the Attack.

vance at Same Time as Canadians.

London, Aug. 21 .- (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency).-Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters in France telegraphs today:

gratulations to Sir Arthur Currie.

SUCCESS IS COMPLETE

Canadian Attack Are Denied.

By Stewart Lyon. Canadian Headquarters in France, via London, Aug. 21.—Sir Douglas Haig, in a message of congratulation to Sir Arthur Currie and the officers

dent at British headquarters in France telegraphs today:

"Canadian troops around Lens launched another attack converging upon the western environments of the town at half-past four this morning.

"The dawn troke with a thick haze and when the infantry went over the top they saw masses of shadowy grey figures advancing towards them. It was actually the fact that the Germans had planned an attack to be delivered at the identical moment of our own and what is probably one of the most desperate hand-to-hand battles of the war ensued.

"The Germans fought like cornered rats." In the shell torn wire-encurs bered zone of No Man's Land, this striuggle raged bomb and bayonet being the principal weapons. Gradually the Canadians beat back the Hunsand about 15 minutes after the clast tand up on the parapet of their last stand up on the parapet of their rench.

"Then they retreated as rapidly as possible into the ruins of Lens and almost immediately a furious machine yun fire began to rattle forth. Along the northern part of the Canadian attack from the direction of Cite St. Emile good progress was made. Strict orders had been given that the advance was not to be pushed teyond given limits. The centre and southern portion of the attack was made. Strict orders had been given that the advance was not to be pushed teyond given limits. The centre and southern portion of the attack was a fareably resisted and the latest news is that the canadian of the settle from the commanders of the most desperate hand-to-hand battles and planned an attack to be delivered at the identical moment of our own and what is probably one of the most desperate hand-to-hand battles of the words of an eye-witness." The German fought for the connection of the connection of the canadian corps has been important structure.

"I desire to congratulate you personally on the complete and important of the Canadian torops. The skill, bravery and determination shown in the attack was not to be pushed teyond given limits. The centre and southern for the commande

ern portion of the attack was fiercely resisted and the latest news is that the fighting is still in progress.

"A good many prisoners, of which a large proportion are wounded, have been brought in."

of the armies on the western front. General Ryng in his message, after expressing his delight at the fine achievement of the corps, says his old comrades have been much in his mind during the progress of the operations.

What the Canadians Have Done in Last Seven Days

Desperate Series of Actions Leading to Capture of Lens Was Begun Just a Week Ago.

The Canadians began the present desperate series of actions just one week ago, when they captured Hill 70, one of the strongest positions on the western front. They followed up this advantage by defeating no fewer than 15 German counter-attacks. Following their consolidation of the Hill 70 positions, they drove the Germans completely from the eastern slopes and entered the northwestern outskirts of Lens proper. Their next step was the capturing of three lines of trenches on the railway embankment west of Lens, and yesterday they captured the German defences in a curve of 2000 yards right to the edges of the fortified cellars occupied by the Germans. They defeated one division of Prussian Guards last Wednesday and another division which was moved up yesterday. They have met and defeated superior numbers of Germans.

FOE'S DEFENCE FAILS ON HEIGHTS OF MEUSE

French Continue Successful Advance, Capturing Regnierville and Samogneux, North of Verdun. With Strong Interlocking Trench Systems.

Paris, Aug. 21.—The battle of Verdun has not yet ceased, and on the left bank of the Meuse the French left bank of the Meuse the French troops have captured several important points, including the village of Regnierville. On the right bank the French have occupied Samogneux and carried a system of fortified trenches which links this place up with Hill 244. with Hill 344.

been repulsed.

The text of the statement reads: "The two artilleries were quite ac-tive in the region north of Vauxaillon and on the Cerny and Craonne

plateaus. "In Champagne our fire of destruction against the German ganizations in the sector of St. Hillar caused an explosion in gas reservoirs. Our reconnoliting parties

"On the Verdun front the battle continued today at several points and detroops captured Cole Lieuxi, which we occupied in its entirety, as well as the

or- the following officers: President, W.

The Liberal convention held at Winline provinces.

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at Nearly Every Contact Point.

CHARGED IN THE MIST

Canadians Killed Hundreds Enemy Had Planned an Ad- Lying German Reports of Storm of Projectiles Was Greatest Ever Seen on the Western Front.

> By Stewart Lyon. Canadian Headquarters in France,

via London, Aug. 21.—By a dashing attack this morning (Tuesday) around Lens. from the northwest to the south, our troops have penetrated the German defences at almost every point of contact. At the time of fil-ing this despatch the situation is not clear, but the Germans in Lens are ringed about by eager foes, who are, with difficulty, restrained to the lim-its of their objectives and prevented its of their objectives and prevented from following the retiring Germans into the labyrinth of ruined houses, with their mazes of concreted cellars and passages, where the enemy is at home and would have a very distinct advantage in the savage man-to-man fighting that has been going on all morning.

The wounded men who are coming out of the inferno, where men struggers.

out of the inferno, where men struggle for the mastery with bayonet and bomb, while the shells from the guns of all calibres explode around them, and the bullets of the machine gun, barrage hum past like bees swarming, say that never before has the enemy fought with more stubborn ferocity. The prisoners state that the enemy were preparing to attack on that part of the front chosen for our assault. The objective of our storming waves on the northern end was heavily manned with Germans, and some had actually gone over and were advancing across No Man's Land to our front line when, the barrage came down upon them.

There was a dense morning mist over all the countryside, and only the roofs of the houses in Lens could be seen piercing it here and there. In the ghostly grey light produced by this combination of smoke and cloud the Canadians and Germans met out in No Man's Land. The onset of our men had the greater impetus, and in No Man's Land. The onset of our men had the greater impetus, and fighting like wildcats the enemy were borne back. The men of a Winnipeg battalion say that their opponents were Prussian Guards of a division brought in since the final smashing of the fourth guard division on Saturday. They save way very slowly, and the fourth guard division on Saturday. They gave way very slowly, and on the parapet of the trench made a final stand for over fifteen minutes. It was close quarters work with bomb and bayonet, for rifle bullets at point-blank range are as likely to kill a friend as an enemy. Finally the Prussians broke and ran to cover in the houses of Lens, whence they directed heavy machine gun and trench mor-

houses of Lens, whence they directed heavy machine gun and trench mortar fire on our men as they worked hurriedly to put the trench in a condition to resist a counter-attack.

On the southern front the struggle was even more intense than in the north. There burning oil was projected into enemy positions before our infantry went over, but the enemy took shelter in his deep dugouts and emerged to meet our men. For a time the trench mortar and machine gun fire was too much for the Alberta men, who attacked here. Some of the men, who attacked here. Some of the wounded said that the storm of all sorts of projectiles thru which they passed was the greatest in their experience.

After very stiff fighting, in which

sful Advance, Capturing gneux, North of Verdun, king Trench Systems.

After very stiff fighting, in which the enemy contested every foot of the ground, a breach was ultimately made in the German front and our troops advanced, bombing their way thru the ruins of the houses.

Confused Fighting.

The battle of today has followed the course of that of last week. Except on a small part of the true, our attacks a small part of the strength of the despera e resistance of the enemy counter-attacks, pressed to the course of that of last week. Except on a small part of the followed the despera e resistance of the enemy counter-attacks, pressed to the enemy counter-attacks, pressed to the utmost limit of human endurance. The first of these which had success was directed against an important trench interest in their experience.

The battle of today has followed the course of that of last week. Except on a small part of the following advanced, bombing their way thru the rourse of that of last week. Except on a small over the area, with frequent organized enemy counter-attacks, pressed to the utmost limit of human endurance. The first of these which had success was directed against an important trench at two enemy aeroplanes were brought down within their own lines, one on haug. 16 at Gheruvell, the other on the 18th, near Pervyse. Yesterday and to day German aviators were very active. They make about 200 flights dally."

TRENTON ORGANIZES.

Trenton, Aug. 21—Trenton has organized a resources committee, with the following officers: President, W. W. Mordoff; vice-president, Geo. Collins; secretary. Robert Whyte. The officers will be assisted by a strong committee. The meeting, which was called by the mayor, was well at-

officers will be assisted by a strong committee. The meeting, which was called by the mayor, was well attended. Prof. Parks of Toronto gave a fine address.

DINEEN'S ENGLISH HATS.

The English fall styles in hard and soft felt hats for men have arrived at inserting the strong as the strong that the Canadian attack would consist entirely of a frontal assault. These enemy troops were also numerous, and they swarmed up from the cellars whenever the artillery fire was suspended to permit of our infantry going forward. They fought and died without any "kamerad-fought and died without any "kamerad-foug