

Canadians Clear Way to the Heart of Lens

Manitoba Troops Capture Important Positions; Canada Gain a Foothold on the Green Crassier

By STEWART LYON.
 Canadian Press Correspondent with the Canadian Forces.
 Canadian Army Headquarters in France, Aug. 23—Another turn of the screw was made this morning on the south-west front of Lens. At three o'clock, after a short, but intense bombardment, the Manitoba troops attacked the Green Crassier, a huge heap of pit refuse on the north banks of the Souchez River, by which our advance to Lens from the south was barred. The Fosse St. Louis, which consists of a tangle of pithead 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 past week had done on the north and west.

The possession of Green Crassier will also enable our men to sweep with their machine guns a wide tract of country to the south of the Souchez River, now occupied by the enemy, including the mining village of Et. Antoine.

CAPTURED TUNNEL ALSO.
 The details of the fighting are not available yet. The enemy, however, is known to have made a considerable resistance which was materially helped by several of its aeroplanes that flew low over our advancing troops and shot at them with their machine guns. One of the enemy planes was brought down in flames by a British airman and another was driven down out of control.

After they had checked the enemy, our men, while consolidating, came under machine gun fire from the mouth of a tunnel east of the St. Louis pits, which made all movement difficult. It was another case of go on or go back. They went on, and in the tunnel mouth found and captured four machine guns.

London, Aug. 24.—The official report from British headquarters in France describes heavy fighting about Lens, where the Canadian troops have gained a foothold on the 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 beaten 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 is still being fiercely disputed."

R. T. Small wires from the British front:

"An advance by the Canadians in the neighborhood of the Green Crassier, on the southern edge of Lens, this morning has added greatly to the strength of the British line, which has continued to tighten steadily about the heart of the city. The crassier is really a great slag heap which has been accumulating for years over a considerable area between three groups of railway yards from which coal trains were sent south and west. It lies about 300 yards south of the central railway station of Lens, and overlooks it."

"The crassier is an important buffer between the Canadians and the defences of the city proper, and the Germans reach it through tunnels connected with the network of passages and dugouts beneath Lens. Part of the ground about the crassier is inundated, due to the waterway nearby having broken its banks, and this, in conjunction with the great number of machine gun placements on the elevation, has made it a particularly difficult position for attack."

Made Assault Before Dawn
 "The Canadians made their first assault before dawn this time, and the attack was preceded by a protracted and exceedingly intense bombardment of the German positions. The Germans, exhausted by the long strain of counter attacks which they have been delivering, found the Canadians in their midst with little warning. But the defenders did not give up without a struggle, and

there was considerable bayonet fighting.

"An advance upon two German colliery positions adjoining the crassier to the north-west earlier in the night also involved stiff hand-to-hand fighting. About the crassier are numerous shell-shattered buildings, many of which have been strongly fortified by the Germans. The Canadians this morning bombed these defences, silencing the machine guns and clearing out the defenders."

"The Canadians thus far have not attempted to advance into the heart of Lens, but to-day's fighting was on the edge of the city proper, rather than in the suburbs. There seems to be no diminution in the strength of the Canadian attacks, despite the tremendous labor they have performed in the past few days. They have worked steadily and methodically, gradually weaving a net around the Germans, who live miserably in their underground positions within the city, which is rapidly approaching the point where it will furnish most inhospitable quarters for the enemy."

To the Editor of the Courier

THE CASE OF MR. HAMILTON
Brantford Township, August 17, 1917.

To the Editor:—
 We, the undersigned farmers and neighbors of Mr. R. Hamilton, of Hamiltonville, Brantford Road, consider the fine recently imposed upon him, in regard to his horse, the worst case of injustice to come before our attention in all our experience. We, as a body, strongly advise the authorities to re-adjust this matter in a more satisfactory manner to the undersigned.

We examined Mr. Hamilton's horse to-day, and consider the horse fit to work, and if the horse was ours, we would certainly work him.

We also think fifty per cent. of the farmers in Byant County are working horses, which are no more capable of working than this horse. We understand there was evidence given against him that there was upwards of two hundred holes inflicted in the harness. We examined the horse to-day and could not find any holes at all. The undersigned are testifying to the above.

Robert Shaw, David J. Orr, Burford Road; C. Robson, Burford Road; C. Miller, Burford Road; S. C. McNaught, Burford Road; J. A. Fellows, W. J. Roddick, Richard Thomas, T. Peart, John Laird, A. Laird, Frank J. Laird, Archie Spence, Robert Spence, Geo. Kilgour, H. N. Spencer, J. Wickson, S. A. Dible, P. S. Fairlie, Chas. Wilson, N. Dymont, L. E. Dymont, John Lawrence, Peter Lawrence, Wm. Dynea, Wm. Plant, Wm. Wallace, E. F. Peart, D. W. Minshall, C. L. Smitn, John Easton, Arthur C. Robinson, George Robinson, Harold Robinson, Jack Robinson, James T. Turbuhull, Lloyd Turnbull, all of Burford Road.

Statement of V. S.

Brantford, Aug. 18, 1917
 This is to certify that I have this day examined by horse for Mr. Robt. Hamilton. Said horse is reasonably sound, having a slipped stifle which does not pain or inconvenience him in any way while working.

R. W. DEVERUX, V. S.
 In connection with the above matter, the Courier is also in receipt of a letter from Mr. Hamilton, in which he claims that he has been the victim of malice and spite.

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 By Courier Leased Wire.
 East Buffalo, Aug. 24.—Cattle, receipts, 450; steady.
 Veals—Receipts 550 head; active

and strong; \$8 to \$17.
 Hogs—Receipts 2,000 head; slow. Heavy, \$18.25 to \$18.40; mixed, and Yorkers, \$18 to \$18.25; light Yorkers, \$15.50 to \$16; pigs \$15 to \$15.50; roughs, \$16.50 to \$17.00; stags, \$13 to \$14.
 Sheep and lambs—Receipts 600; active and steady. Lambs \$10.00 to \$16; others unchanged.

VEGETABLES
 Corn, dozen 20
 Cucumbers, basket 50 to 60
 Cucumbers 3 for 0.05
 Vegetable Marrow 0.10 to 0.15
 Tomatoes, box 15
 Tomatoes, basket 1.35
 Raisins, bunch 5c, 3 for 10c
 Rhubarb 8 for 10c
 Lettuce, bunch 3 for 10c
 Beans, quart 0.15 to 0.25
 Beans, basket 0.40 to 0.45
 Potatoes, large basket 60
 Potatoes, small basket 30
 Potatoes, basket 1.50 to 1.50
 Peas, green, shelled, per quart 0.20 to 0.20
 Peas, peck 0.40 to 0.40
 Celery 0.05 to 0.05
 Turnips, basket 0.30 to 0.30
 Cabbage, each 0.05 to 0.10
 Cabbage, dozen 0.50 to 1.10
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For particulars as to tickets West of Winnipeg, etc., apply to any Grand Trunk Ticket Agent, or C. E. Horning, District Passenger Agent, Toronto.

WESTERN CROPS.

Regina, Aug. 23—Several Saskatchewan districts in the southern portion of the province which have been badly in need of rain have obtained relief during the past few days. Prospects generally have improved and in one case, at Carlyle, many fields are reported as likely to yield from 30 to 40 bushels to the acre. Some hail damage is reported. Cutting is general and harvest labor is scarce.

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

(Written especially for the Brantford Courier.)

NEWS OF THE EXCHANGES

Standard Mining Market Exchange
 There was less activity in the mining market to-day, but with prices holding very firm. There is good enquiry for all classes of stocks, particularly Nipissing, McKinley, Darragh, Kerr Lake, Chambers-Ferland and Adanac.

London, Eng. Aug. 23—The stock market was more active to-day with a general broadening of business. Oils and various Mexican issues were strong, and there was also good enquiry for most of the industrial stocks.

Adanac—Development work of the Adanac property is showing up some particularly good ore bodies. The first shipment from the Adanac which will soon be made, will probably run to a large sum, owing to the high price of silver now being paid. The stock has been in good demand on the Toronto Mining Market, and should sell considerably high.

Nipissing—The financial statement of the Nipissing Company as at July 21st, reveals a very strong position, showing as it does cash in bank \$1,662,200; bullion and ore in transit, \$184,500; bullion on hand, \$32,195, giving a total of \$2,579,903. This total compares with \$2,460,508 on June 2nd; \$2,281,895 on December 16th, and \$1,958,919 at the beginning of July a year ago. The present surplus of \$2,579,903 is equivalent to \$2.15 per share on the 1,200,000 shares, which are outstanding and is a new point of cash assets for the past two years.

Bethlehem Steel—The Wall Street Journal states that so far no official information has been given regarding the new financing for this company.

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