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Canadians Capture Strongest Outpost in the Defence of Lens

Advance Is Pushed Forward Towards LaCoulotte

Forward Push Also to South of Souchez River—Germans Destroying Houses, Which May Mean Prolongation of Struggle on Eastern Side of the City

(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 pushed their advance towards LaCoulotte.

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 line indicated that he was retreating, 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.

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 LaCoulotte. As night fell strong parties 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 giving 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 struggle 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.

BROOKS SAFE BUT FEARED NOW THAT COUSIN IS DROWNED

Fredrickton, June 26—Robert Brooks, a St. Mary's Indian who was missing yesterday and who was supposed to have been drowned, has turned up safely. He was knocked into the water or fell in from a boat during some trouble among some Indians near Springhill on Sunday afternoon.

Another Indian now is reported missing. He is Joseph Francis. So far as is known he was with Sam Brooks Sunday afternoon. Both were drinking. They went to Springhill and attempted to return in a flat bottomed boat. Prior to setting out it is said they tried to take possession of a motor boat owned by another Indian but came out second best. Other people on learning that two men who were drinking were in a boat, followed in canoes. When the boat was located Brooks was alone in it. He could tell nothing about what had happened to Francis, who is his cousin. The matter has been reported to Indian Agent Griffiths and a search for the missing man has been begun. It is feared that he has been drowned.

IS MURDERED AND HIS HEART CUT OUT

Mystery in Death in Boston—Quarrel Over Stolen Money?

Boston, June 26—The body of an unidentified Italian was found on Monday in a lodging house in the West End district with the throat cut from ear to ear and the heart removed. The latter organ lay on the floor nearby. The body was otherwise mutilated.

The victim, one of four men who came here last week from New York, and described themselves as tailors, was later identified by Edward Etleston, a waiter, as one of a party of four by whom he was attacked and robbed on Sunday night.

James Vogias, proprietor of the lodging house, who found the body, said he heard the men quarrelling during the night and the police theory is that they had a row over the division of \$15 stolen from the waiter. Everything had been removed from the room, and there were evidences that the victim had struggled long with the murderer or murderers.

There was nothing in the man's clothing to indicate his identity and the police said the slayers had left absolutely no clue.



"ROAD HOG OF EUROPE" AND TRAFFIC OFFICER.

Likely Urge Greece To Join The Allies

Venizelos' Plans Surmised—His Cabinet Probably Ready Tomorrow—French Troops Take up Stations in Athens

London, June 26—A despatch to the Times from Athens says that, so soon as parliament is convened, M. Venizelos will probably propose to the deputies that Greece join the allies. He does not intend, however, to mobilize the nation against its will.

He is expected first to undertake a general campaign explaining to the people that Greek interests are bound up in the Entente cause. If his mission is successful, he will be able in about three months to put the entire forces of Greece into the balance.

Venizelos in Athens Paris, June 26—A Havas despatch from Athens says that former Premier Venizelos, who has been commissioned by King Alexander to form a new cabinet, arrived at Athens yesterday and will be received by the king.

French Troops in Capital London, June 26—A despatch to the Times from Athens says French troops yesterday entered Athens and occupied several points in the city.

This is the second time since the war that troops have been sent to Athens. The previous instance was in December, 1916. Soon after landing they were fired upon by Greek troops. They were withdrawn after the Greek government had acceded to the Allies' demands for reparation.

London, June 26—Athens advises say that Venizelos will likely have his new cabinet shaped by Wednesday.

FEAR THE GERMANS WILL SEND THEM TO ROUMANIA

Deportation of Belgians Continues Despite Assertion of His Huns

Havre, June 26—Belgians in the districts occupied by Germans, especially Mons, are fearful that the Germans intend to deport them to Roumania soon, according to a statement issued by the Belgian government. The Belgian authorities in a statement published today, reiterated that the Germans are now proceeding without any consideration for occupation, health, or even illness, and the Germans are no longer taking "the hypocritical precaution of hiding behind social and official administrative pretences."

Though this may technically be the case, deportations to points in northern France immediately behind the front lines continue. In playing on the fears of the Belgians, the German government says, are proceeding without any consideration for occupation, health, or even illness, and the Germans are no longer taking "the hypocritical precaution of hiding behind social and official administrative pretences."

HORGAN-DONOVAN WEDDING

St. Joachim's church, Silver Falls, was the scene of an interesting event this morning at 10 o'clock, when the nuptial mass by Rev. A. J. O'Neil, Miss Florence Elizabeth, youngest daughter of the late Jeremiah and Mary Donovan of Coldbrook, became the bride of John C. Horgan, of Quebec, formerly of Lakeview, St. John county. The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, William J. Donovan, wore a suit of steel grey taffeta with large white picture hat and carried a shower bouquet of roses and lilies of the valley. She was attended by her sister, Miss Annie M. Donovan, who wore a suit of blue taffeta with picture hat to match and carried a bouquet of pink roses.

The ceremony was witnessed by near relatives and intimate friends. Following the marriage the wedding party drove to the home of the bride, where a dainty wedding breakfast was partaken of.

The groom's gift to the bride was a beautiful pair of pearls and sapphires, to the bridesmaid a pair of pearls and amethysts, and to the groomsmen a pearl sashpin. The large array of costly presents gave tangible expression of the popularity of bride and groom. Mr. and Mrs. Horgan will leave this evening on a short trip to Montreal and other points in the province, following which they will make their home in Lauzon, Quebec. The bride's going-away suit is of sand colored broadcloth and hat to correspond. The best wishes of the host of friends will be extended to Mr. and Mrs. Horgan.

TODAY'S BALL GAMES

National League—Chicago at St. Louis (2), first 2 p.m., clear; Boston at Brooklyn (2), clear, first 1:30 p.m.; Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, cloudy, 3:30 p.m.; New York at Philadelphia (2), clear, first 1:30 p.m.

American League—Detroit at Chicago (2), clear, first 1:30 p.m.; Washington at Cleveland (2), rain, first 2 p.m.; Philadelphia at New York, clear, 3:30 p.m.

International League—Buffalo at Newark, clear, 3:30 p.m.; Toronto at Baltimore, no game today—game was played Sunday, 24th; Montreal at Richmond, cloudy, 4:30 p.m.; Rochester at Providence, clear, 3:30 p.m.

EMPHASIZES THE NEED OF WORK ON FARMS

British Value Co-operation of American Husbandmen HAS BIG PART TO PLAY

Minister of Agriculture in London Says Whether Peace Comes Soon or War is Prolonged Need of Food For Man and Beast is Great

London, June 26—"Discontent of the stomach is more to be feared than discontent of the brain—that is why we value the co-operation of American farmers." This statement was made by R. E. Prothero, minister of agriculture, to the Associated Press today.

"The outcome of the war," said Mr. Prothero, "may ultimately hang on the question of food supplies and the American farmer is asked the essential part to play in the great struggle for freedom."

Discussing the moral and material effect on agriculture by the entrance of the United States into the war, Mr. Prothero continued: "To vindicate the cause of humanity and national liberty, the great democracy of the western world, true to its traditions, has animated its stand on the side of allied peoples. In clear cut, memorable phrases, President Wilson stated the high ideals animating the British race in joining up armaments, in his address on April 15, he puts to the forefront an appeal to the farmers. He bids them to carry on their ploughing the same spirit that animates the brother allies in trenches, on sea, and in munitions factories. From the grim spectacle of human carnage and from the fearful race of piling up munitions, the farmer stands aloof. His task is to make hills, plains and valleys stand so thick with corn that they shall sing, yet the man who drives a plough is helping, as is the man who shoulders a rifle. The need of food for man and beast is great, whether peace is won or war prolonged."

A COMPROMISE OVER NATION WIDE PROHIBITION

That is Reported Outlook in Washington—Red Cross Fund Passes \$100,000,000 Mark

(J. M. Robinson & Sons, private wire telegram.) New York, June 26—Prevailing feeling in Washington is that a compromise will be effected between house and senate leaving national-wide prohibition partly to the discretion of the president.

President Wilson explains that exports council will be "merely advisory to the president," and that there will be "no prohibition exports."

Exports to Russia from the United States for the first three years of the war, estimated by National City Bank at \$1,000,000,000 or twice as much as in previous fifty years.

Elliott Root, speaking in Moscow, says that if armies of allies do their utmost and are backed by the people, war may end in 1918.

Washington reports Red Cross fund totals \$100,013,000. Campaign extended until noon today.

I. C. C. approves increase of rates of 15 p.c. a ton on soft coal between points in official classification territory.

Secretary Lansing denies that the United States, Great Britain and France are taking joint action with respect to Mexican oil fields.

Public utilities commission orders Edison Company to reduce its rate to maximum of seven cents per kilowatt hour.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service

Brilliant Success By The French; Surprise Attack Charge Germans Near Hurtbise and Carry Whole Front Line

BRITISH WIN IN THE AIR

Three Machines to Ten Put Into Fight By Enemy

Germany Lose Three and British None—Battle Lasts Sixteen Minutes—American Flying Men in England

London, June 26—Three British naval airplanes fought a battle with ten German machines over Flanders on Monday. An official account of the fight says one, and probably three of the Germans were driven down. All the British airplanes returned safely. The announcement follows:

"In the course of a patrol on Monday three naval airplanes encountered and engaged ten enemy machines in the vicinity of Roulers. They fought for sixteen minutes and brought down one enemy in flames and another two others were driven out of control, but both returned to the view. Our machines returned safely."

U. S. Airmen in England London, June 26—A small contingent of the United States flying corps arrived in England yesterday, wearing civilian clothes with blue silk armband bearing white letters "U. S. Flying Corps."

BELIEVE SOMETHING SINISTER IN THIS

Germany Releases 3,000 Finns From Army and Tries to Send Them Home

Petrograd, June 26—The Russian Volla says that 3,000 Finnish volunteers, who formerly served in the German army, are expected to attempt to enter Finland soon. The border guard has been issued strict orders have been issued. The newspaper regards the release of 3,000 fighters by Germany in view of the great need of human material as evidence of the very suspicious character of this emigration. The central committee of the Finnish democratic workmen's party has pronounced its opposition against the non-admittance of these Finns to Finland.

THE POLICE COURT

A man was in the police court this morning on drunkenness charge, refusing to tell where he got liquor and also for using threats to his wife. Asked by the court, the man said that he found the liquor in a barn. He showed signs of being severely cut by the witness. He was remanded.

Walter McInnis answered a charge of theft of several articles, the property of Bustell Hargrave, among which were a propeller blade, a pair of socks, a pair of boots and a log saw. He was remanded awaiting arraival of the owner.

A youth of seventeen was arrested last yesterday afternoon for being a member of a disorderly crowd in Haymarket Square. The boy put up a deposit of \$5 for his appearance this morning. The magistrate allowed him to go provided he come back to court again tomorrow afternoon.

MANAGER AND FOREMAN OF PULP COMPANY DROWN

Quebec, June 26—From LaSarra Township in the Abitibi region comes news that O. M. Hennessy, manager of the Abitibi Pulp Company and J. Lavole, head foreman, were drowned there yesterday in a bad storm that caught them on Lake Abitibi. The bodies have not yet been recovered.

FREE KINDERGARTEN.

The Free Kindergarten training school graduation took place this afternoon at three o'clock in the school room of Trinity church. Miss Marjory McKim and Miss Gladys Morrison were the graduates, while six others received assistants' diplomas. The six are Misses Gertrude Green, Dorothy Simonds, Winnifred Ross, Madeline McCully, Florence Keirstead and Miss Greany.

Following the presentations of the diplomas, a programme was carried out by the graduating girls, assisted by representatives of the three kindergartens of the city. Mrs. W. C. Mathews, retiring president of the association, presented the diplomas. Mrs. Mathews is sent to leave for Winnipeg, where she has accepted a position in connection with the Methodist church in that city. Her services here will be greatly missed.

FUNERAL OF RONALD TOTTON

The funeral of Ronald Totton took place from his parents' residence, 85 Lombard street this afternoon at half past two o'clock. The body was conveyed to the Mission church, St. John Baptist, Paradise row, where burial services were conducted by Rev. J. V. Young, after which interment took place in Cedar Hill.

Charge Germans Near Hurtbise and Carry Whole Front Line

Enemy Desperately Counter-Attacks But Petain's Men Gallantly Hold Gains—Three Hundred Prisoners—Russians and Turks Fighting

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 Hurtbise. 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 COUP.

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

Russians Fight Turks

Petrograd, June 26—The official communication issued by the war office today says: "Western and Rumanian fronts unchanged. "On the Caucasus front we occupied a series of heights. On Bargin summit, thirty miles southwest of Ushnue, the Turks attempted to attack but were repulsed by our fire. West of Semmes we forced the Kurds from positions west of the summit of Ashkan."

AIR RAID CASUALTIES WERE NEARLY 600

Fifty Two Children Killed and 100 Wounded in the German Visit of June 13

London, June 26—Official figures of the casualties in the London air raid of June 13, were announced yesterday. Subsequent deaths and the discovery of more bodies in debris have brought the number of dead to 91 men, 24 women and 42 children. The injured number 220 men, 110 women and 100 children.

HALF DOLLAR A DAY RAISE OR FACE A STRIKE

Ultimatum of 12,000 Shipbuilders Fixes Next Saturday as Time For Answer

New York, June 26—An ultimatum fixing Saturday, June 30, as the date on which they will strike if their demand for an advance of fifty cents a day is not granted, was yesterday given to twenty-one of the larger shipbuilding firms and corporations by the marine trades council representing 12,000 men employed in the shipyards in New York and New Jersey.

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PLUMBERS GO UP FOR TRIAL

Hughes and O'Brien to Higher Court

POLICE COURT PROCEEDINGS

Several Witnesses on the Stand Before Police Magistrate This Morning—Further Evidence About Kitty's Shoes

John Hughes and Joseph O'Brien, striking plumbers, were committed to stand trial by Magistrate Ritchie in the police court this morning on the charge of setting fire to the summer house of W. J. Crawford, a master plumber, on the night of June 15. Following the closing of the case by Fred R. Taylor, K. C., for the prosecution, the magistrate asked the defendants if they had anything to say. Through their counsel, John A. Sinclair and E. J. Hennessy, they said they had nothing to say.

The counsel decided not to address the court but leave the matter entirely in the hands of the magistrate.

The magistrate, in reviewing the evidence, said that it was one of the most important cases before him in his long judicial career. The penalty was penitentiary for life and arson was the third case in line of seriousness in the criminal code. He said that the evidence was purely circumstantial, but of such a nature as to lead him to believe there was sufficient evidence to commit the defendants to stand trial.

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