

CANADIANS HOLD THEIR OWN NEAR CITY OF LENS

Furious Fighting Which Was Progressing Intermittently Around New Positions Has Lulled and Boys from Canada In Full Possession.

London, Aug. 19.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters telegraphs today—

"Furious fighting which was progressing intermittently around our new positions around Lens has lulled and leaves the gallant Canadians in full possession of all the ground they won. It is now known that the high German command ordered the recapture, at all costs, of Hill 70, which so dominates the eastern side of Lens. Without it the place can never be comfortable. We are holding it.

"The Germans have been attacking with gas shells, flame-thrower, liquid fire, rifle grenades, bombs and machine gun barrages, backed by intense artillery barrages. The Canadians are resisting with boiling oil drums, gas shells, hand-grenades, machine guns and last but not least the bayonet. The artillery has given magnificent support.

"I am told that in no fighting in which the troops from the dominion have yet participated has there been more furious hand-to-hand fighting and consequently such extensive use of the bayonet.

Launched More Troops.

"The first big counter-attack, which began Wednesday afternoon, has already been described, how the fourth division of Prussian Guards, marching

DR. BELAND IS HEARD FROM

Former Postmaster General of Canada, Who is Prisoner in Germany, Looks for Canadians to Help Him.

New Bedford, Mass., Aug. 18.—Dr. Henry S. Beland, former postmaster-general of Canada, who was captured in Belgium when the Germans invaded that country, still believes that there is an organized campaign in Canada to rescue him, according to a letter received here tonight.

The letter was from a French-Canadian officer who met an Englishman who had been released from the prison camp where Dr. Beland was confined. He said the former Canadian postmaster-general had nearly lost his reason when his wife died sometime after their imprisonment, but he had shown rare courage and had never given up hope of regaining his freedom. The Englishman said that Dr. Beland's hair had turned white during his confinement, as had been reported, but that his face was drawn and he weighs only 140 pounds. It is said that much longer confinement would place Dr. Beland's life in jeopardy.

He was with the 1st contingent in August, 1914. He was later transferred to the artillery and was with that unit when he received his wounds. His brother, Alfred, also enlisted in the early days of the war, going over with the 26th Battalion. He has seen much service at the front and he also has been wounded in the performance of his duty.

THE BRITISH ONE KILLED AND 6 HURT IN AN EXPLOSION

Powder Mills at Dragon, Que., Blow Up—Heavy Damage to Property—Loss \$2,000,000.

(Canadian Press).

Montreal, Aug. 19.—One man dead and six more or less seriously injured is the known human toll taken in a terrific explosion, or series of fifty-two explosions, Saturday morning at the powder plant of Curtis & Harvey Company Limited, at Dragon, Que., that literally smashed most of the houses in the village and broke windows and shook houses miles away.

This estimate is given by Mr. T. H. Curtis, vice-president and manager of the Curtis & Harvey Company, but there are fears that more may have been killed or injured, as it has been practically impossible to ascertain the full extent of the loss owing to the condition of the destroyed buildings and the fact that the employees got as far away as possible from the scene of the disaster. Two hundred and fifty men were in the plant when the first explosions occurred. Some of these, on escaping, were hysterical from the shock and expressed the belief that more than two hundred must have perished.

Foreman Lost Life.

The dead man was Gordon Short, an Englishman, an expert who was employed as foreman.

Two of the injured are in the Royal Victoria Hospital this city, suffering from compound fractures of arms and legs: Richard Lyle, 23 years of age, Montreal, and Ernest Gillivan. Others known to have been injured are: Evariste Bernier, of Rigaud, Que., broken arm; J. Leclair, Rigaud, two ribs electrician, slightly wounded in the head by flying brick as he was seeking safety.

The monetary loss is placed at \$2,000,000 by Vice-President Curtis. It was an accident, pure and simple, according to Mr. Curtis, due to a chemical reaction in the flaking section of the plant, and was not due to neglect or any defect. "The thing which happened," he said, "might happen in any plant at any time."

CASUALTIES

Ottawa, Aug. 19.—Casualties:

Infantry.

Killed in Action—J. Pascoopi, Chatham, N. B. Gas Poisoning—J. O. Russell, Bear River, N. B. Mounted Rifles.

Killed in Action—J. J. Harding, St. John, N. B. Services.

Wounded—M. J. Walsh, 374 Watson street, St. John, N. B.

Artillery.

Wounded: M. J. Gunn, St. John, N. B. Killed in action: M. Fashley, Halifax. W. E. Noyles, St. John, N. B.

Wounded: F. W. Shaw, St. John, N. B. D. Arsenault, Compostell, N. B. N. Levine, St. John, N. B. Engineers.

Died of wounds: Sapper J. Henderson, Antigonish, N. S.

Artillery.

Died of wounds: Driver A. Gibson, St. John, N. B. Services.

Gas poisoning: Wounded and ill: N. McCarter, Westmorland, N. B.

Vagrant Arrested.

Yesterday the police arrested a man who gives his name as Amosus Hendrickson, and the prisoner is charged with being a vagrant. For the past three or four weeks he has lived in a cave of rocks near the rifle range in the North End and has been subsisting on old food that he picked from the Elm street dump. The man was very poorly clad and residents in that vicinity have been somewhat frightened of him.

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DEATHS.

USHER—Suddenly, at Grand Bay, on August 19th, William J. Usher, in the 70th year of his age. Notice of funeral later.

WEST WIND AGAINST BRITISH AIRMEN

Hun Airmen in Attack on British Stations Kill Two Wounded Germans.

London, Aug. 19.—British troops this morning stormed the German trenches in the neighborhood of Gillemont Farm, between the towns of Lempr and Bony, on the Somme front in France. On this same front British raiding parties last night entered German positions southwest of Havrincourt. Field Marshal Haig reports that heavy casualties were inflicted on the Hun garrisons.

The text of the statement given out by the war office today reads:—

"We carried out a successful local operation early this morning south of Epeky, in which we captured the German trenches in the neighborhood of Gillemont Farm, and took several prisoners.

Enter Enemy Positions.

Last night our raiding parties entered the enemy's positions southwest of Havrincourt and returned with a number of prisoners, after inflicting heavy losses on the hostile garrison.

"On the night of Thursday and Friday enemy aircraft bombed the British casualty clearing stations. Ten wounded German prisoners were killed. Nine wounded German prisoners were again wounded by German bombs.

No Infantry Fighting.

London, Aug. 18.—There was no infantry fighting on the Ypres front in Flanders today, Field Marshal Haig's report from British headquarters in France tonight says, but in the region northwest of Lens the Germans made two attacks, each of which was repulsed.

Thirty German airplanes were downed by the British, 18 being driven down out of control. The British lost twelve machines, but many bombing raids and much observation and photographic work was carried out. The statement reads:—

"In addition to the unsuccessful attack northwest of Lens, reported in this morning's official statement, the enemy made two other counterattacks early this morning on this front. One was east of Lens and the other in the neighborhood of the Hugo Wood. In the first case the enemy's attacking troops were caught by our barrage and machine gun fire at short range and were driven back in disorder, with heavy losses. In the second attack, also the enemy's infantry, though supported by flame-thrower, failed to reach our trenches.

"On the Ypres battle front the hostile artillery has been quieter during the day.

"The strong west wind yesterday again told against our airplanes, giving the machines damaged in combat east of our line little chance of reaching their airdromes. Bombing raids and the policy of harassing the enemy's infantry with machine gun fire was continued actively by us. Observation work for our artillery was carried out all day, and an unusually large number of photographs were taken.

"In the air fighting twelve German airplanes were brought down, and eighteen others were driven down out of control. Twelve of our machines are missing, two of which collided during fights and fell within the enemy lines."

COMPELSION WILL BE A LAW SOON

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The Amendments.

The amendments to the military service act which had been added by the Senate then came up for concurrence. These amendments were three in number and as follows:

(1)—Definition that the word "tribunal" used in the bill meant a tribunal constituted under the act.

(2)—Provision that the judge of the territorial court should constitute the appeal tribunal for the Yukon territory.

(3)—That no conviction for an offence against the act shall be had unless prosecution has been consented to or approved by the Attorney General of Canada.

There was some slight objection to the third amendment on the ground that it was an unwelcome proceeding to permit a prosecution to proceed at all when the judge was not in a position to render a decision or register a conviction without the consent of the Minister of Justice. Mr. Knowles, of Moose Jaw, in particular, insisted that the amendment was unnecessary and unwelcome. That it might lead to a number of unnecessary prosecutions and incur unjustifiable expense to the defendants and that it imposed an extraordinary amount of labor upon the Minister of Justice.

After an explanation by the Prime Minister that the amendment was simply to prevent delay in prosecutions which would probably be the case if the consent of the minister had to be obtained before a prosecution was proceeded with at all, the amendment as well as the other two was concurred in, and only the Governor General's signature is now required to make the act law.

The house then went into civil supplementary estimates.

liberal reforms, such is accurately what remains of the Liberal party today.

On the other hand, as a life-long Liberal, I find insurmountable objections to running under what must be mainly Conservative auspices.

"As a private citizen, however, in the coming fight, I shall do exactly what I have been doing for the last three years, viz., without compromising a single Liberal principle, I shall give a general support to the government which is unanimously in deadly earnest about the winning of a war in which the world's freedom and democracy are at stake.

"Until the end of my life I shall respect with pleasure and gratitude, upon the confidence that has been extended to me by the electors of Red Deer riding, I am glad to be able to claim on my own part that in nine years of arduous service I have followed absolutely my convictions as to what was for the abiding good of Canada, and have been indifferent in my own aggrandizement in any shape or form.

"With kind personal regards,
"I am, my dear Smith,
"Yours very truly,
"MICHAEL CLARK"

DR. CLARK ABANDONS LAURIER

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I am glad to say, is much better at the moment, but would not justify an exposure to the strenuous toil of another parliament. So I now write to you as chairman of the Red Deer Federal Liberal Association informing you of and confirming my April decision.

"On public grounds I had some hesitation as to my course, but the certainty of a bitter party fight makes the ground clearer. A party led by the province of Quebec cannot possibly give itself to the energetic prosecution of the war any more than a party dominated by some of the strongest eastern corporations and protectionist interests can give the country any real

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