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STORMING WAVES SWEEP OVER GERMAN DEFENCES

SUBURB OF LENS FALLS TO CAVALRY IN DASHING RUSH ACROSS OPEN AREA

German Front Line Protecting Avion Cleared Up By Troops From B. C., Central Ontario and Nova Scotia.

[By Stewart Lyon, Canadian Press Correspondent in France.]

Canadian Army Headquarters, June 28.—A further phase of the long struggle for the recovery of Lens, the centre of the richest coal mining region of France, from the German invader, was reached early this (Thursday) morning when the enemy's front line protecting Avion, a suburb of the city, was captured by storming waves, which went forward under the protection of a concentration of artillery fire on that part of Avion immediately behind the German line.

The assaulting troops were composed of men from British Columbia, Manitoba, Central Ontario and Nova Scotia.

Dashed Across Open.

The Canadians have been greatly heartened by the successes gained during the past few days at relatively small cost, and this morning's advance, which involved the crossing of open ground, sloping up to Avion and ending in a village of Leuvelotte, near the Souchez River, met with opposition of a serious nature at only one point, where a combination of machine gun fire and snipers were directed against the Canadians.

Bombed Them Out.

The men to the east and west of the Canadians having reached their own objectives, at once began to bomb the enemy out of portions of trenches held by him in the centre. When this dispatch was sent few Germans were left on this part of the line.

On the extreme left of the two-mile front along which the attack was made the Nova-Scotians pushed their way up the Lens-Arras road to the village of Leuvelotte. Here they came into contact with the enemy and took a number of prisoners. At the other end of the line, east of the railway track, enemy digouts were bombed.

Their occupants belonged to the Prussian Guards Corps, the 1st Guards Grenadiers, who refused to move to the east and surrender. One officer and 21 men of the Grenadiers decided that discretion was the better part of valor. Others are believed to be still alive in the digouts, which will be thoroughly explored after the ground won is consolidated.

Few Germans Left.

At daybreak the airplanes, flying low over Avion, saw very few Germans there. Craters which recently were made by mine explosions at the cross roads are now seriously being repaired. Work in bringing up troops from Lens for counter-attacks.

The enemy's guns have been shelling our communication trenches, and the heaviest are now taking them on with good results.

GERMAN CREDIT HAS REACHED LOW EBB

London, June 28.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from The Hague says that the exchange rate on the German mark in Holland rose yesterday to 33.55 guilders. The correspondent refers to the statement of the mark rate appears to show, saying there are indications that the next returns of the Imperial Bank of Germany will show a considerable increase in the stock of gold, and says German credit stands at a much lower ebb than the mark rate appears to show. A renewal of the German treasury bonds, for example, has been agreed to only upon extremely onerous conditions.

BELGIAN PRIESTS ARE IMPRISONED BY HUNS

Amsterdam, June 27.—According to the Telegraaf several priests of the diocese of Cardinal Mercier, primate of Belgium, were recently and imprudently imprisoned in Germany. One of them is Bishop Legrand of Malines. Twenty others, the newspaper says, have been imprisoned in Belgium. Among this number is Cardinal Mercier's private secretary, who was sentenced to a year in prison for preaching a sermon on Whit Sunday on Christian charity.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 74; lowest, 52. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 65; lowest, 51.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND WARM.

Forecasts.
Moderate winds, mostly east and south; partly fair and warm today and on Friday, with local thunderstorms.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:
Stations. High. Low. Weather.
Victoria 76 52 Cloudy
Calgary 76 50 Fair
Winnipeg 76 50 Fair
Port Arthur 76 50 Fair
Port Stanley 74 50 Cloudy
Buffalo 74 50 Cloudy
Toronto 76 53 Fair
Kingston 74 52 Fair
Ottawa 76 54 Fair
Montreal 72 56 Fair
Quebec 76 55 Cloudy
Father Point, 64 50

Weather Notes.
Showers have been general in Manitoba and the Maritime Provinces, and local in Saskatchewan and Quebec.



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PRETTY LONDON GIRLS AT I. O. D. E. GARDEN PARTY

CANADA AND U.S. TO ACT AS ONE IN MATTER OF FOOD

Hanna and Hoover To Issue a Joint Statement On Subject.

Ottawa, June 28.—The whole continent of North America, from the Mexican border to the North Pole, will henceforth be one unit in dealing with the food situation of the Allies. This was announced today by Hon. W. J. Hanna, Canadian food controller, who has recently returned from Washington after an extended conference with Herbert C. Hoover, United States food controller, to which port they have been invited to meet.

The joint statement will be issued by Mr. Hanna, a joint statement and himself regarding the plans.

CARGO OF CONSULS ON WAY TO FATHERLAND BY GRACE OF ALLIES
New York, June 28.—Dr. Adolf Paul, former German minister to Brazil, and W. von Sanden, who prior to the break in diplomatic relations, was German minister to Bolivia, arrived here today on a Dutch steamer from South American ports.

The two officials were accompanied by 36 German consular officers and attaches from the two countries, and they will continue on the same ship to Amsterdam, to which port they have been invited to meet.

The ship on which they are passengers was stopped by two British cruisers soon after she left Brazil, and the Germans and their baggage were subjected to a careful inspection. One of the cruisers conveyed the liner to within a short distance of this port. Dr. Paul received his passport in April but was detained at Rio de Janeiro until early this month, when Brazil was assured that the liner would not be used for the transport of German goods. The time the ship on which the Germans are passengers is in the waters it will be under protection of the United States naval force.

COSSACKS CHEER MOTT AND PROMISE ALLIES THEIR FULL SUPPORT
Petrograd, June 27.—The Cossack congress today listened to speeches by John R. Mott, member of the American commission, whose appearance on the platform brought prolonged applause. Mr. Mott described America's Cossacks on their unity and strength, and declared America would never abandon Russia and its allies.

Repeating, President Duff of the congress said he had the conviction that America had entered the war in the interests of justice. Thereafter the congress passed unanimously an emphatic resolution in favor of a vigorous prosecution of the war. The resolution demands an "immediate and decisive attack" which the war must be fought in accord with the Allies until victory has been reached. The resolution concludes by appealing for support of the Liberty Loan and demanding stern measures against deserters and traitors.

A TOUCH OF SENTIMENT
The great fields of ox-eye daisies, which in years gone by stretched out south of the city on Ridout street, an eye-sore to thrifty farmers who passed that way, and a joy to artistic souls, has gone the way of lots and become an attractive residential centre.

But the daisies have by no means disappeared, and the romantic young woman who persists in calling them "Marguerites," and dreams of them in the same dream as June weddings, can still find them in the baskets full popping up in every vacant stretch, a carpet of white petals and great golden hearts. Rose time is late this year, owing to the cool summer weather, but the daisies are here in abundance, enough for ropes and garlands and wedding bouquets and arches for scores and hundreds of June brides. Nobody need lack a bouquet when Nature has made, and up to the present time been able to save from the encroachments of the city.

TWO LONELY LONDON BOYS IN FRANCE WOULD LIKE TO GET LETTERS FROM HOME TOWN

How would you like to be three thousand miles from home serving in the front-line trenches? How would you like to be away from home for more than a year without receiving a single parcel, or even a letter, from somebody in your own home town? At least two London boys have had that experience, and in a letter to The Advertiser they ask some resident of the Forest City, who is not already too fully occupied with overseas correspondence, to send them a few lines of home news once in a while.

THE LONELY SOLDIER.
Sapper Charles F. Gibbons, the writer of the letter, is a London Old Boy. He enlisted with the 33rd Battalion, left Quebec in 1916, and was stationed in England for eleven months on base duty. In February he went to France with a railway corps. While on duty there he met another 33rd boy, who told him that The Advertiser was seeking the names of those boys who had no one to write to them.

"I am one of those unfortunate ones who does not receive any mail or parcels," he states, and adds: "I should be very glad if you would give my name to some of the people who would like to write to a lonely soldier. I would appreciate it very much. I enjoy the work here, and we are often close to Fritz as we build the lines which takes up the big shells which are driving old Fritz back. I hope he will be driven so far one of these days that he never will come back. That day is coming, sure."

ADDRESSES OF TWO MEN.
The sappers' address is: "Sapper Charles F. Gibbons, No. 406691, B Company, 5th C. R. T., France." That of his friend is: "Sapper K. Massier, 649212, B Company, France, B. E. F."

"We are about the only two in our company who do not receive any mail, and I would like to have someone write across the sea, and perhaps to meet me when the boys come home again, as I will come to London when I return," is the concluding paragraph of the letter.

ROOT AND SCOTT TO VISIT SOLDIERS OF RUSSIA AT FRONT

American Officer Will Explain Methods of U. S. Army.

Russian General Staff Headquarters, June 28, via Petrograd, June 27.—Elihu Root and the whole military staff of the American commission, accompanied by M. Terechenko, the Russian foreign minister, arrived here tonight. Mr. Root, Major-Gen. Hugh L. Scott, military leader of the commission, and M. Terechenko immediately held a conference with Gen. Brusiloff, commander-in-chief of the Russian armies. As a result of the conference, it was decided that the address of Gen. Scott should be a ten-day tour of the southwestern front, starting from headquarters tomorrow afternoon. It is possible they will go as far south as Rumania.

Gen. Scott expects to deliver a series of addresses to the Russian soldiers explaining the character, work and discipline of the American army. The commission will be guests of Gen. Brusiloff at luncheon tomorrow, after which Mr. Root and M. Terechenko expect to return to Petrograd.

PRUSSIAN PRISONERS ESCAPE FROM RUSSIA WITH AID OF FINNS
Petrograd, June 28.—Newspapers say that more than 2,500 German prisoners and 100 officers, also prisoners, escaped from various parts of Russia through Finland last month. The Finns are said to have given very little help towards recapturing them.

DANES HOLD GERMAN ON ESPIONAGE CHARGE
Copenhagen, June 28.—The arrest of a Dane and three women, all German-speaking, for espionage, is reported in the press.

MINERS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO THE WORK
Calgary, June 28.—The miners in district eighteen are expected to accept without further question, Mines Commissioner Armstrong's announcement that work shall be resumed immediately.

DIDN'T KNOW THE LAW.
Toronto, June 27.—Just returned from the trenches, John Bailey, a wounded soldier, had not learned that under the liquor act passed in his absence, he was not permitted to purchase a bottle of whiskey on the street. Bailey admitted he had no option but to impose a penalty of \$200 and costs, but the license board will be furnished with the facts and the fine may be remitted.

COL. PAYNE DEAD.
New York, June 28.—Col. Oliver Hazard Payne, prominent in New York and Cleveland financial circles, died here yesterday in his 78th year. For many years Col. Payne had been treasurer of the Standard Oil Company, and he is reputed to have held securities of that corporation valued at \$60,000,000. He entered the company with the Rockefeller's about 1867, becoming its treasurer almost at once.

DOMINION TROOPS OCCUPY FARM HALF-MILE FROM LENS; RETREAT BY HUNS NEAR

British Patrols Pushing Steadily On Towards Coal City Now Encircled On Three Sides—Canadians Closest To Stronghold.

London, June 28.—German attacks south of the Cojeur River were repulsed by the British last night, the war office announced. "During the night the enemy's artillery heavily bombarded our positions in the neighborhood of Fontaine Les Croisilles," says the statement. "Hostile attacks against our advanced posts south of the Cojeur River were repulsed. German raiding parties entered our trenches last night east of Vornelles. It was at once ejected. One of our men is missing."

BY WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS.
(Special Cable to The Advertiser.)

With the British Armies in the Field, June 28.—Canadian troops today occupied the town of Fleu Dit Leauvette, one-half mile southwest of Lens.

Their patrols, shoved ahead of the village, penetrated even further towards the coal metropolis of France.

This is the nearest the British have yet come to the city of Lens proper. Mention of patrols pushing still further on indicates a general retreat by the Germans and abandonment of their positions under the tremendously strong constricting pressure which the British have been applying to the city.

Fleu Dit Leauvette is located one-half mile beyond Lieveing, where some time ago the Germans made a desperate stand against the British advance. Avion, where the Canadians last week made some brilliant advances, is about three-quarters of a mile due south of Lens and about the same distance southeast of Fleu Dit Leauvette. Lens is practically encircled on three sides now.

OPERATORS AGREE TO CUT PRICES; MEANS BIG SAVING FOR PUBLIC

Washington, June 28.—An immediate general reduction of \$1 to \$1.50 a ton in the price of coal at the mines was agreed upon today by representatives of the coal operators. This reduction is expected to be followed by still another further decrease in price after investigation into the costs of mining coal, and it is probable that the Government will be given a still lower price than the one now being paid. Hundreds of millions of dollars will be saved to the American people through this decision.

Washington, June 28.—The conference of 400 operators, representing all coal-producing states, took place today at the National Coal Association, by adopting resolutions authorizing their maximum prices for coal free on load. The resolutions were adopted by a vote of 370 to 30. The resolutions were adopted by the National Coal Association, by adopting resolutions authorizing their maximum prices for coal free on load. The resolutions were adopted by a vote of 370 to 30.

CAPTAIN CALLAGHAN KILLED AT HOARE; CADET IS INJURED

Wireless Expert Meets Death When Engine Stalls.
Camp Borden, Ont., June 28.—The comparative immunity of the Royal Flying Corps at Camp Hoare from serious accidents was shattered today by a crash, which resulted in the death of Capt. Dan Callaghan and severe injuries to a cadet.

Capt. Callaghan, who had been at the front since the beginning of the war, and had won distinction as an expert on wireless from aeroplanes, the R. F. C. in Germany, and only came to Camp Hoare a few days ago in connection with the wireless installations there. Though his work at the front had been primarily as an observer he was a flier also.

Instead of returning to Toronto by rail, for which he had a return ticket, he decided to accompany Cadet Francis, who was intending to fly down. The machine, which was a biplane, was being flown by Capt. Callaghan, who was in the back of the head and pinning him to the earth.

Cadet Francis, who was considered one of the most promising of the aviators in training, had previously flown for 42 hours without an accident. His left leg was broken and he sustained minor injuries. His home is in Victoria, B. C.

Capt. Callaghan lived about three-quarters of an hour after the accident, but never regained consciousness. Rev. Father Kelly, the Camp Borden Roman Catholic chaplain, was on hand in time to administer the last sacrament. Two letters from his mother in Dublin, Ireland, were found in Capt. Callaghan's pocket, where he was resting easy this morning.

GOMPERS REFUSES TO ATTEND LABOR MEETING CALLED BY LINDQUIST
Washington, D. C., June 28.—The American Federation of Labor has declined to participate in the international conference of trades unions called to meet September 12 in Stockholm.

President Gompers has telegraphed to President Lindquist of the Stockholm conference that the American Federation "regards all such conferences as premature and unhelpful, and can lead to no good purpose."

FINE GIFT TO "SAN" FROM RETURNED MEN
Lieut.-Col. W. G. Coles, president of the Returned Soldiers' Association, has sent a check for \$50 for the Byron Sanatorium, the gift of the association.

"I think this an exceptionally fine contribution," said Col. Coles. "That shows what the boys think of it. The amount of money means something to the returned men. The gift will be suitably acknowledged."

PTE. MUNNOCH GETS MILITARY MEDAL, THEN IS WOUNDED

Member of Patriotic Family Loses His Leg.

FOUR OFFER SERVICES
Gallantry at Vimy Ridge Brings Fine Award to London Boy.

One day after he had been awarded the military medal for gallantry at Vimy Ridge, Pte. John Munnoch, son of Mrs. John Munnoch of 105 Waterloo street, received a wound which necessitated the amputation of his leg.

A letter has just been received by Mrs. Munnoch from her son, in which he says the young Londoner's injury was so serious that amputation was necessary.



PTE. JOHN MUNNOCH.

The only report. The chaplain says that Pte. Munnoch will return to Canada with an artificial leg, in some degree, one of the most coveted honors in the gift of the Empire. Pte. Munnoch was awarded the ribbon for the medal on June 3. He was wounded the following day. In a letter on June 12 he wrote to his mother that he dreaded having to appear before the battalion. "I would rather go over the top than face the boys," he said. He has been a machine gunner for some time and has spent nine months in the trenches. His brother, Alex., was wounded while fighting with the first Canadian division. Another brother, Gordon, recently left Canada with a home after spending a year in France as a British nurse. Few London families have done more for the cause.