

Canadians Capture La Coulette

Canadian Headquarters in France, via London, June 26.—(By Stewart Lyon, Special Correspondent of the Canadian Press)—Canadian troops entered the village of La Coulette this morning. The Germans have withdrawn in this neighborhood, from a line about one and three-quarters of a mile.

The retirement of the Germans ceased during the night. Patrols sent out on that part of the front opposite Mericourt and to the south found the enemy's front line strongly held. The Germans used many flares throughout the night, and threw rifle grenades which our patrols observed. In the vicinity of La Coulette machine guns were in action all night. The night was wild and pitch dark. The torrential rain which fell was accompanied by a high wind, which held up the advance towards the village until daylight.

Our casualties, the people at home will be glad to learn, are remarkably few. Coulette was occupied without a single fatality. The Germans artillery fire has been far below normal. It has been directed chiefly on his former front line of trenches. Between our shelling and his, very little is left of them.

For weeks the British refrained from shelling Lens, but the Germans, taking advantage of the sentiment staying the hands of the English, brought their guns into the town, razed the houses about the gun pits and then blazed away safely. Recently, therefore, the British guns have trained their sights on the gun positions hidden in the mining capital. The German losses in the Lens salient are heavy, and new drafts are constantly demanded. Prisoners say that they had been promised peace definitely by September.

Y.M.C.A. Plans Improvements

New Heating System and Renovation of Dormitories — G. E. Barbour Elected President

George E. Barbour was elected president of the Y. M. C. A. last night, succeeding F. A. Dykeman. Mr. Barbour is a leading figure in Y. M. C. A. work in the dominion, being a member of the national council and also a member of the maritime committee. He was the largest local donor to the Birks' fund and in many other ways he has proved himself deeply interested in the great work of the institution. His elevation to the presidency is looked upon with the greatest approval in all quarters. Other officers elected were: W. H. White, vice-president; W. E. Anderson, secretary; H. W. Rising, treasurer. The chairman of the various committees will be named at once by the president and general secretary.

There were many important and interesting developments at the meeting. The fiftieth anniversary of the organization in St. John synchronizes with the jubilee of confederation and largely for this reason special effort will be made to commemorate the event in a fitting manner. November 28, 1867, was the date upon which the first branch here was founded. No programme was outlined. Details will be arranged later.

John N. Jordan was employed as assistant boys' secretary. He graduates this year from high school, standing highest among the boy pupils. He was president of the older boys' conference last fall. The heating apparatus of the building has become impaired by constant usage and the directors decided to install a maximum capacity of 2,000 gallons per hour, which will be sufficient to accommodate twice the present membership. The two upper floors of the building are also to be renovated, including the dormitory section.

MAY APPLY SELECTIVE DRAFT TO GET DOCTORS

Decided Shortage in Number in U. S. Ready to Volunteer Services for War Work

Washington, June 27.—The drafting of physicians selectively upon a basis of federal classification by a medical census similar to the one recently taken in New York state, in order to obtain physicians for the medical reserve corps was urged by Major Karl Connell, Major Richard Derby and Captain Frederick Van Buren, of the New York committee for national defence, medical section, in a report to the council of national defence. They hold that the volunteer system of recruiting physicians has been a failure. Coincident with this recommendation, it was made known through the committee on state activities of the medical section of the council of national defence that there was a decided shortage of physicians ready to volunteer for war work. In a report to the general medical board of the council, the committee said strong efforts were being urged through the state organizations to obtain these medical officers. The whole matter was taken up at a meeting of the general medical board, at which Dr. Connell demonstrated that out of the 140,000 doctors in the United States, less than one-half were available and desirable for military purposes. He added that the policy of allowing or urging physicians to volunteer indiscriminately in the great numbers needed as medical officers for the war was sure to result in confusion, waste and failure. By the analysis of the situation, the medical reserve corps in New York state it was clearly indicated that the volunteer system failed to preserve the integrity of the public health service or to protect the local community medical needs and that it neglected to consider the individual physician's family and professional connections.

HE DEFIES HIS YEARS

Illinois Gentleman of 78 Turns a Flip-Flop

The agility of J. P. Roles of Fisher, Ill., deserves wider publicity than it has received. Mr. Roles celebrated his 78th birthday the other day by turning a "flip-flop." We read that this has been his customary observation of his natal day for the last thirty years.

A "flip-flop" as we understand it, is a handspike. Strictly speaking, perhaps, a straight forward handspike is merely a "flip." The backward spring added to that makes a "flop." The

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LIKE FAIRYLAND WAS THE ROSE FESTIVAL

Brilliant Description of the Central Feature of Annual Show in Portland, Oregon

The Times is indebted to Mrs. E. Atherton Smith for a newspaper from Portland, Oregon, which recently celebrated its annual Rose Festival. The whole city was a bower of beauty. Of one scene the Oregonian paints the following picture:

Flowers innumerable lift their pretty faces to the thousands who throng the Festival Centre, those two park blocks of fairyland between Salmon and Madison streets.

Showy spirea, peonies, rhododendron, poppies and geraniums lift their heads laughingly; proud of every admiring glance they get, seeming to hold themselves above the lowlier but no less gaudy, thyme, yellow marigolds and the lesser blossoms of this delightful show place of Portland's annual feast of flowers.

Two blocks that were so recently mere ordinary park turf have been made, almost overnight, into a model floral garden and the hands of clever florists who waded their wands to do this miracle worked their spell wonderfully well.

Masses of white hydrangea clamor for attention and the wisteria, larkspur, lupin, fuchsia and iris furnish contrasts that are pleasing beyond words. Cannas, with their big, tropical leaves, give greens and browns that offer backgrounds for bright-colored petals. Colours give a colored border foliage and the whole scheme of things worked out so wonderfully well that not a spot is left where the eye may rest, but one is certain to exclaim with delight.

One's favorite flower is here, no matter what it is. Noble roses, for the florists made certain of these laggards even in a backward season, stand in battalions.

Brilliant geraniums march along in whole regiments, their red banners held aloft, made the more vivid by the green uniforms they wear. Modest lobelias, blue as the eyes of a sweetheart, makes borders as bright as a stripe of the flag. Pansies, for thoughts, lift their almost human and velvety faces upward where all may see them and admire.

Ferns and palms lend a note of bosquage to certain nooks and corners and lilies show their pure white faces shining through massed foliage.

Out of the centre of this wonderful place rises the replica of the Statue of Liberty that stands on Liberty Island in New York Harbor. Her torch alight seems truly to enlighten the world. Her starry crown is aglow with the light that is the true emblem of liberty and, beside her flies the Stars and Stripes, while all about her are the flags of the friendly nations of the earth.

When night comes on myriad incandescent lights twinkle through the leafy branches overhead. They make a second and nearer firmament, closer to humankind than the stars that swim far off and way beyond human ken. The lights smile down and the flowers smile back in friendly fashion. And the happy crowds pass through, admiring and made a little gladder and a little better for the sight of the brightly colored blooms and greenery.

At night, especially, these blocks are fairyland and it must be true that, after all the people go away, the fairies that everyone believes in, in his real, most secret heart, come out and play about. They dance around the flower beds and they lean down and kiss every single bloom that lifts its head a little higher to touch the lips of the fanciful creatures who truly inhabit this spot where pleasant dreams are made which is their home.

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