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### War News.

#### Messages Received Previous to 9 A. M.

##### GERMAN POSITIONS ATTACKED.

LONDON, Aug. 15. Field Marshal Haig's forces attacked the German positions along the west front early this morning from Lens to the northeast of Loos. The official statement says the British are making satisfactory progress, and have carried the German first line at all points of the front attacked.

##### GERMAN STRONGHOLD CAPTURED.

British Front in France and Belgium, Aug. 15 (By the Associated Press).—Hill 70, a famous German stronghold northwest of the French mining city of Lens, which dominates the city and the Loos salient, was captured this morning by Canadian forces. The British also pushed their lines into the northwestern environs of Lens in a semicircle around the eastern side of Hill 70. The British attack was made on a 5,000 yard front, which had an extreme depth of 500 yards, beginning at a point just above Huguwood. The new British positions now run southeast and beyond Hill 70 towards Lens, the line then bends southwest and encircles the suburbs of St. Laurent and St. Enaile. British guns have been pounding for days at Hill 70 which the Germans considered impregnable. The infantry attack began at 4:25 o'clock this morning. The capture of Hill 70 ranks in importance with the biggest military operation this year. It was the last dominating position in this section which remained in the hands of the Germans. From it a wide territory can be controlled. Hill 70 is to Lens and to Loos salient what Messines Ridge is to Ypres, and in some ways it is an even more enviable position than Messines Ridge because even after the fall of Messines Ridge the Germans still retained Pittem Ridge from which they could sweep the country surrounding Ypres. Hill 70 was bombarded with guns of all calibres which worked havoc among the German defences on the crest of this eminence. The Germans had undoubtedly prepared for the attack as far as possible for there is not a question that they were aware of it impending. Their nervous shelling of the communicating roads back of the British positions here for many days gave full evidence that they knew soon or late they must defend their claims, so it was a case of the better side winning. It was just twenty-five

past four when the British guns dropped a protecting barrage before the Canadian trenches and the troops leaped over the parapet for their charge. The details of the fighting are not yet available, but the troops swept forward with the same invincible precision which has characterized the work of the great British fighting machine. Considerable numbers of German prisoners are beginning to arrive at the collection depots. The new British front has been established on a triangular line like shears whose points are to the north and south of Lens. In the first stages of the fighting the Canadians met with comparatively small opposition, but as they pushed into the Lens environs the defences of the Germans stiffened. Whatever the outcome the battle already has taken its place in the list of the most important conflicts in the war, through the capture of Hill 70. The British and Germans were at grips in the western part of the city of Lens itself, following the brilliant morning advance, whereby they captured Hill 70 and then swept on northwest to Lens.

Canadian Headquarters, France, via London, August 15th (By Stewart Lyon, special correspondent of the Canadian Press).—In the battle of Lens which began at daybreak this morning the Canadians have once more made a splendid successful attack upon historic ground. Early reports indicate that the Germans first and support lines along a front of over 4,000 yards, extending from the environs of Lens to the Chalk Pits, 1,500 yards south of Hulluck have been carried by storm. The assaulting waves included men from all parts of the Dominion. War-worn veterans, among them some who answered the first call in 1914, were mingled with recent drafts from the base whose first action it was. All alike went forward with irresistible ardor over the most difficult ground, driving the enemy back before them. Among the objectives was Hill 70, east of Loos, where a fiercely contested battle was fought in September, 1915, and Cite St. Laurent, a northern suburb of Lens. News has come in from the troops who have followed up and passed through the waves of attack that they have reached a point east of Hill 70, almost a mile from their jumping off trench. The enemy put up a strong resistance and will probably counter attack in force as soon as his reserves can be brought up, but what Canadian valor has won Canadian tenacity can

be trusted to hold. Hill 70 is regarded by artillery experts as the key to Lens, and the enemy will not surrender the city except under an unendurable pressure. No particulars as to our losses or the number of prisoners taken are yet available, but the artillery preparation was most thorough and it is hoped that in the masses churned up of shell pitted chalk on Hill 70 and the half square mile of wrecked miners' houses in St. Laurent few shelters remained for the enemy machine guns, his most effective means of defence.

British Front in France and Belgium, Aug. 15 (By Associated Press).—British forces to-day attacked German positions on a small section of the Belgian front, pushed the German posts back across the Steenbeke River, east of the Ypres-Thourout railway, and re-established their line on the eastern side of the river. An attempt of the Germans last night to rush the British trenches north of the Arras-Douai railway met with complete reverse. The German plan to take the positions by a surprise attack, failed, and as the enemy infantry charged across the open it faced a disastrous fire from machine guns and rifles, and was forced to beat a hasty retreat to its own lines. The British conducted a highly successful raid on German trenches west of Hulluck, taking some prisoners, and inflicting considerable casualties on the enemy. One of the most spectacular air fights recently, occurred last night when a British pilot met three planes at a height of 11,000 feet and engaged them. The four pilots brought their machine guns into play and the conflict raged furiously for some time. The British aviator fought on despite the great odds against him. By clever manoeuvring he reached a position which enabled him to pump streams of bullets through the tanks of two enemy machines, and they fell to the earth in flames like great rockets, leaving a trail across the sky. The third German fled on his companions being brought down. The Germans are continuing their nervous shelling of British positions about Lens, and their artillery is more active than usual east and northeast of Ypres where large numbers of gas shells are employed.

##### BRITISH OFFICIAL.

LONDON, Aug. 15 (Official).—Early to-day the enemy attacked our line east of West Hulluck, but by heavy artillery and rifle fire was repulsed. He succeeded only in driving

back one or two of our advanced posts a few yards. During the day we again improved our positions on the right bank of the Steenbeke River, where we captured several prisoners. Last night the enemy endeavored to raid our positions east of Laventys. At the second attempt he succeeded in entering our lines, but was immediately driven out. Another raid, undertaken in considerable strength, estimated at three companies, was made against our trenches at Neuve Chapelle. It was repulsed by Portuguese troops, after sharp fighting, in which a few prisoners were secured. Enemy aircraft continued to pursue aggressive tactics yesterday and attacked our long distance bombing machines with great vigor. Our machines reached and bombed successfully their objectives in every case. Artillery and photographic work was also carried out throughout the day by our machines, and machine gun fire was opened with effect upon enemy infantry, both in the trenches and in the open. In the air fighting, seven German planes were brought down, and four others driven down out of control; two of our machines are missing.

##### ROUMANIAN OFFENSIVE.

PETROGRAD, Aug. 15 (Official).—On the western front there were fusillades and scouting operations. On the Rumanian front Monday there were stubborn battles in the Olen-Grozechir region. The Rumanian troops continued their counter offensive, which began on Sunday, and toward evening occupied the village of Stanie, and dislodged the enemy from the heights about six vorost southwest of Grozechir. The offensive is developing in the direction of Marasesti and from the direction of Draga. All counter attacks were repulsed by the Russo-Rumanian troops. Enemy efforts to attack our positions in the region of Maklaimen, were frustrated by our fire. A Russian scouting party of forty men in a daring surprise attack against a Turkish barrier guard in the region of Tivelski, captured some prisoners. The remainder of the front is quiet. German airplanes dropped bombs on the railway stations at Nolvdeschno and Sinivaka.

##### ANOTHER ENTENTE OFFENSIVE EXPECTED.

BERLIN, Aug. 15. Another great offensive by the Entente Allies on the western front is expected by the Berlin evening news-

papers. The Tageblatt says: Doubtless offensive plans on a great scale exist on the French side. Simultaneously we must reckon with a resumption of English attacks in Flanders. Strong fire is playing incessantly on local points on the Aisne, at Verdun and in Flanders, and it announces that local attacks can be speedily expected. The Vossische Zeitung says: It is true also that these attacks in the beginning can bring the enemy here and there at the front in possession of a piece of trench, but this must not frighten or worry us. On the contrary we will be grateful to the upper army command that in the new well tried methods of defence in past months it has found a means of maintaining the spirit and strength of our troops and fresh spirit and energy for our attacks, even when yielding to enemy portions of positions which have been shattered down by enemy fire and have been impossible to hold because they offer no protection.

##### BRITISH CASUALTIES.

LONDON, Aug. 15. Reports of British casualties issued during the first two weeks of August total 21,782; killed, officers, 223; privates and non-com. officers, 4,424; wounded or missing, officers, 1,821; men, 15,254; total 21,782.

##### LABOR AND THE STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE.

LONDON, Aug. 15. The political correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says that if the Labor Conference adheres to its resolution to send delegates to the Stockholm Conference, the Premier will instantly advise a general election.

##### FRENCH GAINS.

PARIS, Aug. 15. The French attacked in Belgium last night and made considerable advance in the region of Dixmude, reads the war office official. The Germans directed a heavy artillery fire against the French first lines on the Aisne front, between Hurtebise and Craonne. On the Verdun front the French repulsed German attacks.

##### SPAIN RIOTING.

PARIS, Aug. 15. Six persons were killed and nine others were wounded when strikers clashed with soldiers at Barcelona, according to a statement issued by the Spanish Consul-General and received here.

##### INSPIRED BY AUSTRIA.

LONDON, Aug. 15. "The so-called peace terms have a distinct German flavor." This reply was given in authoritative quarters in London to-day in reply to questions by the Associated Press in regard to the Vatican proposals. The opinion was expressed that the inspiration for the peace movement probably emanated from Austria and was in the nature of a trial balloon as a prelude for definite propositions from the Central Powers to the Allies.

##### THE POPE'S PROPOSALS.

LONDON, Aug. 15. The peace pronouncement of Pope Benedict was an entire surprise to the British public. Whether or not it was a surprise to the Government cannot be learned. The proposal embodies what have been well known here for some time as the terms the Central Powers would have been glad to offer, and believed to have accepted, being virtually the restoration of before-the-war conditions. British pacifists undoubtedly will favor an acceptance of any offer to go into a peace conference, but the great majority of the people will look askance at the proposal, which they think was issued distinctly in the interests of the enemy powers. The Pope's offer did not even constitute a newspaper sensation. While some afternoon papers gave it their largest headlines, others printed it merely as a paragraph among the secondary news items of the day.

##### AMERICAN OFFICIALS' VIEW.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15. Pope Benedict's proposals were not unexpected to the United States, not to say of the Entente Allies. The possibility of a peace move was discussed with British Foreign Minister Balfour, and Vice-Premier Vivanti, when the British and French mission were in Washington. It was agreed that all the Allies, including the United States, should refuse to discuss peace terms while Germany occupied the territories she had taken by force and thereby avoid what the Allied statesmen considered a German trap. The Pontiff's proposals presents the question in a somewhat different light, difficult perhaps to meet, because it offers to the war-weary world hope for peace. Germany and her allies are expected promptly to accept the Pope's proposals. American officials acknowledge that the Vatican's offer is of a nature calling for reply of diplomats of the Entente circle, but voice nothing but a unanimous opinion that it will be rejected. American officials realize that a convincing reply is required for the world's page of history. That the proposals cannot be accepted as they stand is certain, that they will not be accepted at all is probable.

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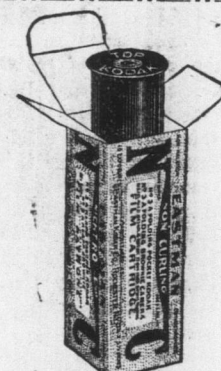
PERSONAL.—Miss Eva Bradley returned to the city last night after spending an enjoyable five weeks as guest of her aunt, Mrs. Jos. Maddock, Carbonear.

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POSTPONED.—The Garden Party, which was to have been held to-day at Mrs. Syme's, by the Holiday Girls, has, owing to the unfavorable weather, been postponed until Friday; should it be wet on Friday then it will be held on Saturday.—adv.

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PATRIOTIC CRICKET POSTPONED.—On account of the inclement weather the cricket match for the benefit of the Sailors' and Soldiers' Convalescent Home did not take place but will likely be run off on Saturday afternoon or Wednesday next.



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